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1 **[NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

2 **TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2003, BEGINS ON PAGE 280.]**

3 There is no reportable action as a result of today's closed
4 session.

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7 [GAVEL] [MIXED VOICES] [GAVEL]

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M GOING TO ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE TAKE
10 THEIR SEATS. THIS MORNING, THE INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY
11 PASTOR RON FERNANDEZ OF APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF WHITTIER FROM THE
12 FOURTH DISTRICT. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY
13 NATHAN ELBAUM, HOSPITAL CHAIR, SEPULVEDA V.A. HOSPITAL SAN
14 FERNANDO VALLEY POST NUMBER 603, JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE
15 UNITED STATES FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT. I'LL WAIT UNTIL
16 EVERYONE WHO'S IN THE BACK HAS A SEAT. AND THEN WE'LL ASK
17 EVERYONE TO PLEASE STAND. PLEASE FIND A PLACE AND WE'LL ASK
18 EVERYONE TO STAND. ALL RIGHT. LET ME JUST SAY, I THINK I'D
19 BETTER MAKE MYSELF CLEAR. YEAH THE MEETING IS GOING TO BE
20 ORDERLY. EVERYONE WHO IS DESIGNATED TO SPEAK WILL HAVE AN
21 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK, BUT NOW WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A PRAYER AND
22 THEN WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND I'D
23 LIKE TO ASK EVERYONE TO FIND A SEAT AND WE'LL BEGIN THE
24 PRAYER.

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1 **PASTOR RON FERNANDEZ:** ALMIGHTY GOD, DIVINE ARCHITECT OF THE
2 UNIVERSE, WE THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER DAY OF LIFE AND FOR THE
3 PRIVILEGE TO SERVE. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GOODNESS, YOUR
4 PROVIDENCE, PROTECTION, THAT IS WITH US TODAY. WE THANK YOU
5 FOR THESE MEN AND WOMEN THAT HAVE COME TOGETHER TODAY FOR
6 THEIR COMMITMENT, DEDICATION TO SERVE, AND WHO WILL REPRESENT
7 THE PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. WE GATHER THIS MORNING TO ASK
8 YOU FOR WISDOM, DIRECTION, HELP FOR OUR COUNTY SUPERVISORS IN
9 THE ADMINISTRATION AND AFFAIRS THAT PERTAIN TO OUR
10 COMMUNITIES. WE PRAY FOR THE SUCCESS, THE PROSPERITY AND GOOD
11 HEALTH OF ALL WHO REPRESENT AND WORK FOR THE GOOD OF THE
12 PEOPLE IN OUR COUNTRY. WE PRAY FOR THEIR FAMILIES ALSO, THAT
13 YOU MAY KEEP YOUR LOVING HAND OVER THEM. WE ASK FOR OUR
14 MAYORS, SENATORS, CONGRESSMEN, JUDGES, POLICE FORCE, FIRE
15 DEPARTMENT, AND OUR SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS SO THAT THEY CAN
16 ALSO EXPERIENCE STRENGTH TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES A BETTER
17 PLACE TO LIVE. WE THANK YOU FOR HEARING OUR PRAYERS AND GIVING
18 WISDOM, DIRECTION, PROSPERITY, AND GOOD HEALTH TO OUR PUBLIC
19 LEADERS. GOD BLESS OUR COUNTY, AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.

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21 **AUDIENCE:** YEAH! [APPLAUSE].

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23 **NATHAN ELBAUM:** AMEN. WILL YOU PLEASE FACE THE FLAG AND PUT
24 YOUR HAND OVER YOUR HEART? [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR --

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3 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. COULD WE HAVE YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE?

4 SHHH. JUST -- WE JUST HAVE A -- I WANT TO -- MADAM CHAIR AND

5 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT'S MY PRIVILEGE

6 TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO PASTOR FERNANDEZ

7 FOR GIVING THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING. HE BEGAN HIS MINISTRY

8 IN 1970 IN FRESNO AND CONTINUED HIS MINISTRY IN TEXAS, CHILE,

9 AND PRESENTLY IS THE PASTOR OF THE APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF

10 WHITTIER. HE AND HIS WIFE ARE GREAT CITIZENS OUT THERE, HAVE

11 BEEN -- THE WHOLE GEM TOWN AREA WORKING TOGETHER WITH THEM ON

12 VARIOUS PROJECTS. HE'S A GREAT BIBLICAL LEADER, BUT ALSO A

13 GREAT FRIEND OF THE COMMUNITY, AND AS I'VE TOLD HIM SO MANY

14 TIMES BEFORE THE ONE THING WE DO HAVE IN COMMON WAS MY

15 GRANDFATHER WAS AN APOSTOLIC MINISTER AS WELL TOO. SO PASTOR

16 AND TO MRS. FERNANDEZ, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE INSPIRING

17 INVOCATION AND THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LEAD US IN THE

18 INVOCATION. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, WE WERE LED IN THE PLEDGE THIS

21 MORNING BY NATHAN ELBAUM, WHO IS REPRESENTING THE JEWISH WAR

22 VETERANS FROM THE UNITED STATES, POST-NUMBER 603 OF THE SAN

23 FERNANDO VALLEY, WHERE HE IS THE HOSPITAL CHAIRMAN AT THE

24 SEPULVEDA V.A. HOSPITAL. NATHAN SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES

25 NAVY FROM 1943 THROUGH '45, WAS A PETTY OFFICER SECOND CLASS,



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1 HE SERVED ON THE U.S.S. BREHMERTON IN THE EUROPEAN THEATRE,
2 AND HE WENT TO COLLEGE AT CRANE COLLEGE IN CHICAGO AND L.A.
3 VALLEY COLLEGE. HE IS A 57-YEAR RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES AND
4 THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, AND HE'S MARRIED WITH FOUR
5 CHILDREN AND NATHAN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR LEADING US IN THE
6 PLEDGE AND FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SECRETARY, WE'LL CALL THE AGENDA.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
11 BOARD. WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 5, AND THEN WHAT WE'LL DO, IS WE'LL
12 TAKE UP THE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, AND THEN ITEMS THAT ARE
13 HELD WILL BE TAKEN UP AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING MATTERS. SO ON
14 PAGE 5, WE HAVE THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY
15 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM 1-D.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
18 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL
21 PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEM 1-P.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT
24 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON PAGE 9, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD
2 OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 -- I'M SORRY, ITEMS 12 THROUGH 33. ON
3 ITEM NUMBER 12, FOR THE RECORD, SUPERVISOR MOLINA VOTES "NO."
4 ON ITEM 25, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,
5 AND OTHER. ON ITEM 27, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR BURKE AND
6 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. ON ITEM NUMBER 30, HOLD FOR WILLIAM
7 PAYER AND OTHER. AND THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.
10 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ON THE REMAINDER.

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12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ON ITEM 34, AS
13 NOTED ON THE GREEN SHEET, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
14 REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 34 WILL BE RETURNED BACK TO THE
17 C.A.O.'S OFFICE.

18

19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BEACHES AND HARBORS, 35.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
22 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

23

24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, ITEM 36.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY
2 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS, ITEM 37.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.
7 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, ITEMS 38
10 THROUGH 40.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE.
13 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES, ITEMS 41
16 THROUGH 45.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
19 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

20

21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 46 THROUGH 48. I
22 HAVE THE FOLLOWING REQUEST. ON ITEM NUMBER 30 -- I'M SORRY,
23 46, HOLD FOR CARMEN TAYLOR AND OTHERS. ON ITEM 47, THE
24 DIRECTOR REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS
25 OFFICE.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 47 WILL BE REFERRED BACK TO THE
3 C.A.O.'S OFFICE.

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5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND ON ITEM 48, HOLD FOR GENEVIEVE
6 CLAVREUL.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I DON'T THINK THERE WERE ANY ITEMS THERE TO
9 BE APPROVED.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** NO MADAM CHAIR. INTERNAL SERVICES, ON
12 ITEM 49, HOLD FOR KEVIN SMITH AND OTHERS, ON 36.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 46.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 46 WAS HELD, FOR CARMEN TAYLOR AND OTHERS.

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18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEM 50.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.
21 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

22

23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION, ON ITEM 51,
24 THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 51 WILL BE CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK.

2

3 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION, ITEM 52.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.

6 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

7

8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** A SEPARATE MATTER, ON ITEM 53, HOLD FOR

9 REPORT. MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA REQUESTED BY

10 BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, WHICH WERE

11 POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS

12 INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM 54-A.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.

15 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 54-B.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY

20 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 54-C.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.

25 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 54-D.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.

5 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 54-E.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.

10 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND 54-F.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.

15 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE

18 AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH

19 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 5.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR?

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES?

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I JUST MOVE TO RECONSIDER ITEM 12, I
2 THOUGHT THAT MR. ANTONOVICH, YOU WERE GOING TO REFER THIS BACK
3 TO YOUR OFFICE ON -- THESE ARE IN SUPPORT OF BILLS THAT I
4 THINK HAVE ALL DIED, SO --

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE LEGISLATION, AS YOU KNOW, THE LEGISLATIVE
7 PROCESS CAN STILL BE AMENDED IN ANOTHER BILL, SO AS A TWO-YEAR
8 -- AS A ONE-YEAR BILL, IT WOULD HAVE DIED, BUT IT'S A TWO-YEAR
9 LEGISLATIVE SESSION, SO IT COULD STILL BE RESURRECTED.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEN I'D LIKE TO MOVE TO RECONSIDER IT AND
12 THEN HOLD IT FOR DISCUSSION.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S BEEN MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY
15 THAT WE RECONSIDER ITEM NUMBER 12, SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT
16 OBJECTION, WE'LL RECONSIDER 12, AND IT'LL BE HELD. YOU GOT 12?
17 ALL RIGHT. BEGINNING WITH THE FIFTH DISTRICT.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** (INAUDIBLE).

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YEAH WE RECONSIDERED. OH WELL, BUT WE STILL
22 HAVE THREE VOTES TO RECONSIDER.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO WE MOVED -- NO MOVE TO RECONSIDER THAT'S--

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S JUST THAT I VOTED NO, SO --

2

3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YEAH, BUT SO WE DON'T HAVE THREE VOTE?

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU CAN SECOND IT. [OVERLAPPING VOICES]

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH, I'M SORRY. SO ANTONOVICH WILL SECOND,

8 OKAY. ALL RIGHT.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO YOU HAVE A CONSUL-GENERAL?

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES. WE'D LIKE TO CALL UP -- WE'RE

13 WELCOMING CONSUL-GENERAL FROM SRI LANKA, THE HONORABLE PRADEEP

14 GUNAWARDANA, TO ASK WOULD HE PLEASE COME FORWARD. IS HE HERE

15 PRESENT? WE'RE WELCOMING THE NEW CONSUL-GENERAL OF SRI LANKA,

16 THE HONORABLE PRADEEP GUNAWARDANA, AND HE IS RECOGNIZED BY THE

17 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE AS SRI LANKA'S CONSUL-GENERAL IN LOS

18 ANGELES, AND HE -- SO ON JANUARY 12TH, 2003. HE GRADUATED FROM

19 THE UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA WHERE HE EARNED DEGREES IN

20 MECHANICAL PRODUCTION AND MANAGEMENT AND EXTENSIVE BUSINESS

21 BACKGROUND IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN HIS COUNTRY. PRIOR TO

22 COMING TO LOS ANGELES, HE WAS COORDINATING SECRETARY TO THE

23 MINISTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, MANAGEMENT, AND REFORM IN

24 COLOMBO. CONSUL-GENERAL, PLEASE ACCEPT THIS PLAQUE ON BEHALF

25 OF OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITH OUR FRIENDSHIP AND WE'RE



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1 PLEASED TO WELCOME YOU HERE AND CERTAINLY HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR
2 EXCELLENT STAY. WE HAVE A LOT OF SRI LANKANS HERE, ABSOLUTELY,
3 AND ALL GOOD FRIENDS. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A WORD? [APPLAUSE
4]

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6 **CONSUL-GENERAL PRADEEP GUNAWARDANA:** SUPERVISOR YVONNE BURKE,
7 CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD, SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA, SUPERVISOR
8 ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, SUPERVISOR DON KNABE AND SUPERVISOR MICHAEL
9 ANTONOVICH AND LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I AM PLEASED TO ATTEND
10 THIS MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
11 THIS MORNING. ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA, I WISH
12 TO EXTEND MY SINCERE THANKS TO SUPERVISOR CHAIRPERSON BURKE,
13 SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA, ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, AND DON KNABE AND
14 MICHAEL ANTONOVICH, FOR ARRANGING THIS PLAQUE PRESENTATION TO
15 OFFICIALLY WELCOME MYSELF TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS THE CONSUL-
16 GENERAL OF SRI LANKA IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IN ADDITION I WISH
17 TO EXTEND MY THANKS TO THE CHIEF (UNINTELLIGIBLE) GINGER
18 BERNARD, I'M PROUD TO STATE THAT YOU ARE VERY HELPFUL IN
19 WORKING WITH ME AND HIGHLY APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY. LET ME
20 EXTEND MY SINCERE THANKS TO MRS. GISS, (UNINTELLIGIBLE). I
21 HAVE TO EMPATHIZE THE FACT THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
22 IS ENROLLING THE AREAS OF THE CURRENT RESOURCES AS WELL AS THE
23 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF MY COUNTRY TO FIND OUT THE WAYS AND
24 MEANS TO REACH TO THE INTEND TARGETS. WE UNDERSTAND WE NEED
25 YOUR INESTIMABLE ASSISTANCE TOWARD THE TIRELESS EFFORT OF THE



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1 SRI LANKA GOVERNMENT TO GAIN PEACE AS WELL AS TO A STABLE
2 ECONOMY. AS YOU ARE AWARE I AM BOUND TO SERVE ALL THE SRI
3 LANKANS HERE, I AM PROUD TO SAY AT THE SAME TIME I AM
4 DEDICATED TO SERVE EACH AND EVERY AMERICAN CITIZEN WHO NEEDS
5 MY ASSISTANCE IN THE SAME SCALE DESPITE THE TIME FACTOR.
6 FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SPECIAL THANKS ONCE AGAIN
7 FOR THE SUPERVISORS, SUPERVISOR YVONNE BURKE AND THE BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS FOR SHARING YOUR VALUABLE TIME TO ARRANGE THE
9 PLAQUE PRESENTATION AND GIVING ME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BRING A
10 FEW WORDS BEFORE YOU ALL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. HAVE A NICE
11 DAY. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, I'LL GO ON WITH MY PRESENTATIONS
14 WHILE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WAITS FOR HIS PEOPLE TO ARRIVE.
15 I'D LIKE TO CALL UP REPRESENTATIVES OF OPERATION CONFIDENCE,
16 THE WORLD BANK U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, U.S.
17 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
18 ADMINISTRATION, U.S. CHINA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, ASK THEM TO
19 ALL COME FORWARD. COULD WE HAVE EVERYONE TO PLEASE COME
20 FORWARD? LAST YEAR, IN OCTOBER, THE COUNTY HELD ITS FIRST
21 COUNTY-WIDE DISABILITY MONITORING DAY. THE PURPOSE OF THIS DAY
22 WAS TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EDUCATE THE GENERAL PUBLIC
23 AND TO GIVE EMPLOYERS A GLIMPSE OF THE TREMENDOUS PRODUCTIVITY
24 POTENTIAL OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. DISABLED PERSONS HAVE
25 BEEN CALLED THE LARGEST, BEST-EDUCATED, LEAST-TAPPED RESOURCE



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1 IN AMERICA. LAST YEAR, SUCCESSFUL EVENT PROVIDED MORE THAN 75
2 STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES TO SPEND THE DAY PARTICIPATING IN
3 SHADOWING ACTIVITIES WITH COUNTY MANAGERS FROM SIX COUNTY
4 DEPARTMENTS. IT WAS SO SUCCESSFUL, THE COUNTY WILL DO IT AGAIN
5 THIS YEAR. IN THE MEANTIME, I'M PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE THE
6 CONTINUING PROGRAM OF OPERATION CONFIDENCE, A GRASSROOTS,
7 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT HAS PROVIDED PEOPLE WITH
8 DISABILITIES WITH REHABILITATION, JOB TRAINING, AND
9 EMPLOYMENT. OPPORTUNITIES IN LOS ANGELES FOR THE LAST 20
10 YEARS, OPERATION CONFIDENCE IS ORGANIZING ITS THIRD ANNUAL
11 TRADE WORKSHOP AND RECEPTION, FOCUSING ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE
12 NEXT JULY 23RD. I WILL ALSO RECOGNIZE SOME OF THE
13 ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE PARTNERING IN THIS EVENT. AND SO
14 COMMENDATIONS, AND CONSUELO MACKIE'S GOING TO ACCEPT IT FOR
15 OPERATION CONFIDENCE. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **CONSUELO MACKIE:** THANK YOU SO MUCH SUPERVISOR. THANK YOU
18 SUPERVISOR YVONNE BRATHWAITE-BURKE. I HUMBLY THANK THE
19 SUPERVISOR, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND OUR DISTINGUISHED
20 GUESTS FOR ALLOWING OPERATION CONFIDENCE TO BE HERE TODAY.
21 SUPERVISOR BURKE, SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA AND MANY OF THE
22 OTHER SUPERVISORS HAS KNOWN OF OUR CHALLENGES AND
23 ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR OVER 20 YEARS, AND TO BE HERE TODAY IS
24 JUST AN OVERWHELMING EXPERIENCE. FOR US TO BE ABLE TO HAVE
25 SOME OF OUR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS OVER THERE TO THE RIGHT



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1 REPRESENTING VARIOUS COUNTRIES, SUCH AS AFRICA, CHINA, VARIOUS
2 PARTS OF THE AFGHAN CONTINENT, WOULD YOU PLEASE STAND.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO WE CAN RECOGNIZE THEM.

5

6 **CONSUELO MACKIE:** AND ALSO, WE HAVE THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT
7 TRADE AGENCIES. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **CONSUELO MACKIE:** AND WE'RE JUST THRILLED THAT THESE COUNTRIES
10 AND THESE GOVERNMENTS, THE TRADE AGENCIES WILL ALLOW FOR THE
11 FIRST TIME, TO MY KNOWLEDGE, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES TO BE
12 INCORPORATED AND INCLUDED IN THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMUNITY
13 AS SOME OF THE WORK FORCE. SO WE THANK YOU ALL FOR ALLOWING US
14 TO BE HERE TODAY, AND I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE MY BOARD
15 PRESIDENT, MR. BONNIE RICE, AND ALSO MAY I -- I'M OVERWHELMED
16 AND THRILLED TO HAVE MR. ALBERTO ALVARADO, THE DISTRICT
17 ADMINISTRATOR FOR SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION HERE TO GIVE
18 THE CLOSING REMARKS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND I'D LIKE TO CALL UP MR. ALBERTO
21 ALVARADO, REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR OF U.S. SMALL BUSINESS
22 ADMINISTRATION. [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **ALBERTO ALVARADO:** THANK YOU, MADAM SUPERVISOR, THANK YOU BOARD
25 OF SUPERVISORS. WE'RE VERY THRILLED AT THE SMALL BUSINESS



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1 ADMINISTRATION TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH OPERATION CONFIDENCE.
2 CONSUELO MACKIE IS A WOMAN OF UNCONQUERABLE SPIRIT AND SHE
3 REMINDS US ALL OF WHAT SMALL BUSINESS PEOPLE DO EVERY DAY OF
4 THEIR LIVES. THEY DO SO MUCH WITH SO LITTLE FOR SO LONG THAT
5 IT ALMOST SEEMS THAT AS IF THEY CAN DO EVERYTHING WITH
6 NOTHING. WE APPRECIATE VERY MUCH THE RECOGNITION THAT THIS
7 BOARD HAS GRANTED TO OPERATION CONFIDENCE AND THE GOOD WORK OF
8 CONSUELO MACKIE, AND REMINDS US AGAIN THAT SMALL BUSINESS
9 PEOPLE, MEN AND WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES CAN, IN FACT, CREATE
10 SMALL BUSINESSES, CONTRIBUTE TO THE GROWTH OF THE ECONOMY,
11 CONTRIBUTE JOBS, AND WE WELCOME THIS RECOGNITION AND LOOK
12 FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH THEM TO GRANT MORE
13 OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM IN THE FUTURE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WE'D LIKE TO MAKE PRESENTATIONS TO
18 MARIA COSTA, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MINORITY BUSINESS
19 DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION. AND RUDY BRUGERRO WILL ACCEPT FOR
20 HER. AND FOR SILVIE YAM, WE'LL PRESENT IT, CONSUELO CAN
21 ACCEPT. BUT WE SHOULD ANNOUNCE THAT THIS IS THE PRESIDENT OF
22 THE U.S./CHINA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. SHE'S NOT ABLE TO BE HERE
23 THIS MORNING. OH, HE DIDN'T GET HERE IN TIME ON HIS PLANE. AND
24 THEN ACCEPTING FOR KWABENA AMANKWAH-AYEH, WORLD BANK. WHERE IS
25 THAT PHOTOGRAPHER? THANK YOU.



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SPEAKER: I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE MR. TOM CHIANG FROM THE
ASIAN REHAB CENTER SERVICES, WHO HAS ALLOWED OUR ORGANIZATION
TO PARTNER WITH HIM, AND MR. CHIANG, PLEASE STAND. I WOULD
LIKE TO LET EVERYONE KNOW THAT WE'RE THRILLED TO HAVE THAT
PARTNERSHIP, AND ALSO TO INVITE EVERYONE OUT ON JULY THE 23RD.
PLEASE GIVE HIM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. HE WOULD BE ABLE TO
SPEAK. COME OUT ON JULY THE 24TH, 23RD, TO COME TO THIS LOS
ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO TAKE PART IN OUR INTERNATIONAL
TRADE WORKSHOP. SUPERVISOR, I HOPE I CAN COME BACK TO HAVE THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ASSIST US WITH WORLD BANK. THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

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SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: ABSOLUTELY, OH SURE, WE'LL RECOGNIZE THEM.
ALL RIGHT -- I'D LIKE TO CALL UP THE REPRESENTATIVES OF
PROGRAM FOR TORTURE VICTIMS TO PLEASE COME FORWARD, DIANNE
ISLE, THE PRESIDENT, MICHAEL NUTKIEWICZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
ANNA DOICE, CO-FOUNDER, CHRISTINA GALLAGHER, PROGRAM
ASSISTANT. FIVE YEARS AGO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS PASSED
THE TORTURE VICTIM RELIEF ACT OF 1998, SETTING FORTH THE KIND
OF ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR TORTURE VICTIMS. AT THE TIME,
THERE WERE ONLY A HANDFUL OF TREATMENT CENTERS FOR TORTURE
VICTIMS. THERE WAS NO GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR
TREATMENT PROGRAMS. RECOGNIZING THAT MORE WAS NEEDED, THE
SPONSORS OF THE ORIGINAL ACT IN LATER YEARS HAVE REQUESTED



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1 INCREASED APPROPRIATIONS FOR PROGRAMS. NOW THERE ARE TWO BILLS
2 IN CONGRESS THAT WOULD AMEND THE ACT TO PROVIDE MORE CENTERS
3 AND MORE COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMS FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE. IN THE
4 YEARS SINCE THE PASSAGE, THE UNITED STATES HAS STEADILY
5 INCREASED IN 2002 MORE THAN 18,000 ASYLUM CASES WERE FILED IN
6 LOS ANGELES. IN FACT, LOS ANGELES HAS THE LARGEST NUMBER OF
7 ASYLUM SEEKERS IN THE UNITED STATES. THEREFORE, ON BEHALF OF
8 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
9 ANGELES, I PROCLAIM JUNE 26TH 2003, AS U.N. INTERNATIONAL DAY
10 IN SUPPORT OF VICTIMS OF TORTURE THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES
11 COUNTY. WE JOIN THE UNITED NATIONS AND NUMEROUS OTHER
12 ORGANIZATIONS TO COMMEND THE SURVIVORS OF TORTURE AND THOSE
13 WHO ASSIST IN THEIR RECOVERY, AND WE ALSO INSTRUCT OUR
14 ADVOCATES IN WASHINGTON TO ASSIST IN SEEKING APPROVAL OF H.R.
15 1813 AND S-84, WHICH WOULD MAKE MORE CENTERS AND PROGRAMS
16 AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT VICTIMS OF TORTURE, AND I HEREBY PRESENT
17 THIS SCROLL TO MICHAEL NUTKIEWICZ -- DR. MICHAEL NUTKIEWICZ,
18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PROGRAM FOR TORTURE VICTIMS IN
19 RECOGNITION OF THE PROGRAM'S COMMITMENT TO ASSIST RECOVERY OF
20 TORTURE VICTIMS. [APPLAUSE]

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22 **DR. MICHAEL NUTKIEWICZ:** I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR BURKE AND
23 HER STAFF FOR MAKING THIS POSSIBLE. I JUST WANTED TO MENTION
24 THAT, IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHICH IS THE HOME FOR MANY
25 REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS, THERE ARE UPWARDS TO 20 TO 25,000



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1 VICTIMS OF TORTURE HERE, AND WE PROVIDE THE PROGRAM FOR
2 TORTURE VICTIMS, PROVIDES MEDICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, AND CASE
3 MANAGEMENT SERVICES, AND WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL SUPPORT OUR
4 EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF TORTURE SURVIVORS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
5 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MIKE, ARE YOU READY TO GO,
8 BECAUSE IF NOT, KNABE WANTS TO GO. HE IS THE ONE WHO HAS TO
9 LEAVE EARLY. ALL RIGHT, GO AHEAD.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I'D LIKE TO
12 CALL DR. ED SUSSMAN A SUPERINTENDENT, THE DOWNEY UNIFIED
13 SCHOOL DISTRICT AND STAN HEMPSTEAD, THE DIRECTOR OF STUDENT
14 SERVICES FORWARD. WE'RE LOSING A GREAT MAN OF EDUCATION. DR.
15 SUSSMAN'S COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION HAS TOUCHED MANY LIVES. FOR
16 THE PAST 40 YEARS, DR. SUSSMAN HAS BEEN ENABLING STUDENTS OF
17 ALL AGES TO DREAM AND REALIZE THAT ANYTHING IS ACHIEVABLE
18 THROUGH LEARNING AND, FOR THE LAST 32 YEARS, 22 YEARS EXCUSE
19 ME, HE HAS SERVED THE FAMILIES OF THE CITY OF DOWNEY. FIRST,
20 AS PRINCIPAL OF THE SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND SINCE 1986 AS A
21 SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. HE
22 ACTIVELY LOOKED FOR AND IMPLEMENTED CREATIVE SOLUTIONS TO VERY
23 COMPLEX CHALLENGES, AS WE ALL KNOW, THAT FACE EDUCATION. HE IS
24 A VERY -- HIS POSITIVE IMPACT LED THE BOARD OF THE DOWNEY
25 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO RENAME THE SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL TO



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1 EDWARD A. SUSSMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL. HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN EXPRESS
2 THEIR LOVE FOR THE GOOD DOCTOR BY SAYING THAT WHILE MANY
3 CHILDREN HAVE THEIR HEROES IN SPIDER-MAN, BATMAN AND SUPERMAN,
4 THEIR HERO IS DR. SUSSMAN. SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS AND MY COLLEAGUES AND ALL THE CITIZENS OF THIS
6 GREAT COUNTY AND THE CITIZENS OF DOWNEY, IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO
7 PRESENT YOU THIS SCROLL IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR RETIREMENT, TO
8 THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU'VE DONE ON BEHALF OF EDUCATION AND
9 THE STUDENTS, TO WISH YOU GOD'S SPEED IN YOUR RETIREMENT, AND
10 PLEASE ENJOY. [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **DR. ED SUSSMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'D LIKE TO THANK
13 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I APPRECIATE
14 THIS VERY MUCH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME BRING UP ONE OF OUR EAGLE SCOUT
17 RECIPIENTS, AND THAT'S JONATHON LAWES, WHO COLLECTED OLD
18 AMERICAN FLAGS FOR RETIREMENT FOR HIS EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT.
19 JONATHON, WHO IS 16 YEARS OLD, RESIDES IN SAN FERNANDO VALLEY,
20 ATTENDS CHATSWORTH HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE HE'S A MEMBER OF SCOUT
21 TROOP 466. AND WHAT HIS PROJECT INCLUDED WAS COLLECTING
22 HUNDREDS OF FLAGS FROM ACROSS OUR COUNTY. THEY CAME IN ALL
23 SIZES AND AGES. SOME WITH 48 STARS DATING BACK TO WORLD WAR
24 II. AND MANY OF THE FLAGS WERE STORED AWAY IN GARAGES OR IN
25 BOXES IN THE BACK OF CLOSETS OR IN DRAWERS JUST WAITING FOR



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1 SOMEONE TO COME ALONG TO RETIRE THEM PROPERLY. JOINING US THIS
2 MORNING WITH JONATHON IS HIS MOTHER, ANDREA LEAR, AND HER
3 STEPFATHER, JOHN, AND HIS FATHER GORDON AND HIS STEPMOTHER,
4 HEATHER. SO JONATHON, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, AND WE --
5 PEOPLE SHOULD REALIZE THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WHO OBTAIN THE
6 RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT ARE VERY, VERY FEW, AND THEY DO AN AWFUL
7 LOT TO ACCOMPLISH THAT GOAL AND THEY HAVE A GREAT SUCCESS
8 RECORD IN ACADEMIC PURSUITS. AND ONE OF THE GREAT FILM MAKERS,
9 AS YOU KNOW, IS STEVEN SPIELBERG, WHO WAS ALSO AN EAGLE SCOUT
10 MANY YEARS AGO, AND HIS PROJECT WAS CINEMA, HE MADE HIS FIRST
11 LITTLE FILM, AND THEN THAT DEVELOPED INTO E.T. AND ALL THE
12 OTHER GREAT FILMS. SO JONATHON, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY,
13 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE] >JONATHON LAWES: REALLY I DIDN'T
14 HAVE ANYTHING PLANNED TO SAY, BUT I JUST REALLY WANT TO THANK
15 THE COMMUNITY FOR THEIR SUPPORT THAT THEY HAVE GIVEN ME. IT'S
16 TRULY AMAZING. I RECEIVED SOMETHING LIKE 500 OLD AND TATTERED
17 AMERICAN FLAGS, WHICH IS AN AMAZING NUMBER. THE BOY SCOUTS IS
18 A GREAT PROGRAM AND IT'S A GREAT ORGANIZATION, SO I'M REALLY
19 GLAD I'VE BEEN ABLE TO BE PART OF IT FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS.
20 I'VE LEARNED REALLY A LOT, WHICH WILL PROBABLY HELP ME LATER
21 ON IN LIFE. YOU KNOW, IT'S REALLY AN HONOR TO BE PART OF THIS
22 GREAT PATRIOTIC COMMUNITY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NEXT WE WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP THE ALHAMBRA
25 DOLPHINS SWIM TEAM AND ALHAMBRA DIVE TEAM WHO JUST FINISHED



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1 THE SUCCESSFUL SEASON, SENDING SEVERAL SWIMMERS AND DIVERS TO
2 THE JUNIOR OLYMPICS WHICH WERE HELD THIS PAST MARCH. THE
3 ALHAMBRA DOLPHINS AND SWIM TEAM IS A CLUB MEMBER OF U.S.A.
4 SWIMMING THAT COMPETES THROUGHOUT THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND
5 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THIS YEAR THEY SENT EIGHT SWIMMERS TO
6 COMPETE IN THE JUNIOR OLYMPICS, COMPETING IN FOUR CATEGORIES.
7 THE DIVE TEAM IS A NON-PROFIT COMPETITIVE SPRINGBOARD DIVING
8 TEAM CHARTERED WITH U.S. DIVING INCORPORATED, AND COACHED BY
9 DELONG LEE, AN OLYMPIC MEDALIST AND FORMER CHINESE COACH THAT
10 HAD FOUR DIVERS QUALIFY FOR THE JUNIOR OLYMPICS THIS PAST
11 SEASON. SO WE WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE EACH OF THE SWIMMERS
12 AND DIVERS HERE TODAY AND COMMEND THEM FOR THEIR SUCCESS.
13 FIRST, LET ME GIVE FOR THE ALHAMBRA DOLPHINS SWIM TEAM, COACH
14 KEVIN LARSEN. KEVIN, CONGRATULATIONS. SWIMMER DENNIS CHAN.
15 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SWIMMER, CHANYA ISLAM. CONGRATULATIONS. [
18 APPLAUSE]

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SWIMMER, JEANNIE TANG. [APPLAUSE]

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SWIMMER, NATHAN TRAN. [APPLAUSE]

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HIS BROTHER, SWIMMER, JUSTIN TRAN. [
25 APPLAUSE]



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SWIMMER, KRISTINE IAN. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SWIMMER, RUSSELL YU. [APPLAUSE]

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SWIMMER, ANNIE TANG. [APPLAUSE]

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DIVERS, LOUIS MIRAMONTEZ. [APPLAUSE]

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND DIVER, CAESAR MIRAMONTEZ. YOUR BROTHER? [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW HIGH WERE THE DIVING BOARDS? SO WE'LL DO
14 A GROUP PICTURE. FIRST WE'LL HAVE THE COACH SAY A COUPLE OF
15 WORDS. TELL THEM HOW HIGH THEY WERE DIVING FROM.

16

17 **COACH KEVIN LARSEN:** THEY DIVE FROM THREE METER BOARDS AND ONE
18 METER BOARDS. ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ALHAMBRA AND THE
19 ALHAMBRA DOLPHINS SWIM TEAM AND ALHAMBRA DIVE TEAM, I'D LIKE
20 TO THANK SUPERVISOR MICHAEL ANTONOVICH AND THE COUNTY BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND RECOGNITION OF YOUTH SPORTS.
22 THESE YOUNG ATHLETES BEFORE YOU HAVE TRAINED VERY HARD AND
23 SHOWN A LOT OF DEDICATION TO GET TO THE LEVEL OF COMPETITION
24 THAT THEY'RE AT, AND THANK YOU FOR THIS PRESENTATION AND THE



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1 OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE TODAY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] [
2 APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE WERE WAITING FOR THE PLAQUE TO BE MADE FOR
5 OUR NEXT PRESENTATION, SO WE'RE GOING TO BRING THEM UP NOW AND
6 THAT'S THE -- HIS EMINENCE, WHO HAS RETIRED, AND THAT'S HIS
7 EMINENCE HOVSEPIAN AND OUR NEW EMINENCE, DERDERIAN, WHO ARE
8 COMING UP NOW AND WE'LL MAKE THE PRESENTATIONS AND THE PLAQUE
9 WILL BE FORTHCOMING FOR... FOR THE -- AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
10 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, I'VE HAD A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO WORK
11 COOPERATIVELY WITH HIS EMINENCE, ARCHBISHOP HOVSEPIAN FROM THE
12 WESTERN DIOCESE OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA. WE
13 HAVE WORKED ON MANY PROJECTS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY AND ACROSS
14 THIS NATION AND WORLD. I ALSO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF BEING ONE
15 OF THE UNITED STATES OBSERVERS WHEN ARMENIA HELD THEIR FIRST
16 FREE ELECTIONS AFTER BREAKING AWAY FROM THE SOVIET UNION A FEW
17 YEARS AGO. HIS EMINENCE HOVSEPIAN, IS RETIRING AFTER MANY
18 YEARS OF SERVING HIS COMMUNITY AND HIS CHURCH. HE RECENTLY
19 CELEBRATED ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION INTO THE SACRED
20 ORDER OF PRIESTHOOD, AND THAT WAS ON MAY 3RD WITH 32 OF THOSE
21 YEARS SERVING AS THE PRIMATE OF THE WESTERN DIOCESE OF THE
22 ARMENIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA. MAY 3RD WAS ALSO A SPECIAL
23 DAY FOR ARCHBISHOP DERDERIAN, WHO WAS ELECTED TO SUCCEED
24 ARCHBISHOP HOVSEPIAN AS A PRIMATE OF THE WESTERN DIOCESE OF
25 THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA, AND THIS ENCOMPASSES 14



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1 WESTERN STATES, LED BY GLENDALE, THE CITY OF GLENDALE, WITH
2 55,000 MEMBERS. BOTH ARCHBISHOPS HAVE BEEN PILLARS OF STRENGTH
3 FOR MANY ARMENIANS THROUGHOUT THE WESTERN STATES BY HELPING
4 THEM FLOURISH THROUGH A STRONG PRESENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND
5 CARRYING OUT THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.
6 ARMENIA WAS THE FIRST NATION TO BE CHRISTIANS GOING BACK MANY
7 YEARS AGO, AND NOW AT THIS TIME ON THE BOARD, FIRST WE WANT TO
8 RECOGNIZE HIS EMINENCE HOVSEPIAN UPON HIS SUCCESSFUL
9 RETIREMENT, AND LET ME JUST SAY THEY'RE BUILDING A NEW
10 CATHEDRAL ACROSS THE STREET FROM WOODBURY COLLEGE, FOR JUST A
11 FEW MILLION DOLLARS, WHICH IS VERY BEAUTIFUL, VERY SACRED, AND
12 VERY SPIRITUAL, AND TO HIS FISCAL LEADERSHIP, THEY HAVE
13 PROVIDED THE OPPORTUNITY OF PROVIDING A BEAUTIFUL HOUSE OF
14 WORSHIP, A BEAUTIFUL ADMINISTRATIVE FACILITY, AND THE ABILITY
15 TO REACH OUT TO OUR COMMUNITIES. SO FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, IT'S
16 BEEN A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH YOU AND WE WISH YOU CONTINUED
17 SUCCESS AND GOD BLESS YOU. [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN LET ME -- WE'RE STILL WAITING FOR
20 THE PLAQUE, BUT LET ME ALSO INTRODUCE HIS HOLINESS, THE NEW
21 ARCHBISHOP DERDERIAN, WHO IS HERE AS WELL. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **ARCHBISHOP HOVSEPIAN:** I AM EXTREMELY APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR KIND
24 GESTURE, MR. SUPERVISOR. BY MERE COINCIDENCE, JUNE THE 24TH
25 WAS THE DAY OF MY ORDINATION INTO SACRED ORDER OF PRIESTHOOD



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1 SOME 52 YEARS AGO. AND LATER ON THE LIFE WAS SUCH THAT I WAS
2 MOVED FROM LEBANON TO SCOTLAND TO NEW JERSEY, TO CANADA, NOW
3 FOR THE LAST 30 YEARS, HERE. WE AS THE ARMENIAN MEMBERS OF THE
4 ARMENIAN COMMUNITY WE ARE EXTREMELY APPRECIATIVE OF ALL FIVE
5 SUPERVISORS. WE FOLLOW ALL THE ACTIVITIES, AND YOU, MR.
6 ANTONOVICH, YOU HAVE BEEN PART OF OUR COMMUNITY OF LIFE. YOU
7 HAVE ATTENDED MANY OF THE FUNCTIONS AND WE'VE CONSIDERED YOU
8 PART OF OUR COMMUNITY AND APPRECIATED YOUR LEADERSHIP,
9 TREMENDOUS LEADERSHIP, ALL FIVE SUPERVISORS, AND TODAY, AS I
10 RECEIVE THIS PLAQUE, OBVIOUSLY THIS WAS GIVEN TO ME. I
11 CONSIDER THIS PLAQUE AS GIVEN TO MY COMMUNITY, ARMENIAN
12 COMMUNITY, ARMENIAN CHURCH THAT WE ARE GROWING EVERY DAY IN
13 THE GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA. AND HERE WITH ME I HAVE THE NEW
14 ARCHBISHOP, ARCHBISHOP DERDERIAN. I WENT TO SCOTLAND
15 UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH, HE WENT TO THE OTHER SCHOOL, OXFORD,
16 AND EVENTUALLY SERVED IN CANADA, HE COMES HERE, AND I HAVE
17 MEMBERS OF MY FAMILY AND COMMUNITY, MY NIECES AND OTHER
18 LEADERS OF THE COMMUNITY HERE IN THE BACK. SOME OTHER PRIESTS
19 THAT SERVED IN THE GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA. I -- BUT FROM THE
20 BOTTOM OF MY HEART, MIKE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS GRAND
21 AND A WONDERFUL GESTURE, AND I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ARCHBISHOP
22 DERDERIAN TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

23

24 **ARCHBISHOP DERDERIAN:** MR. SUPERVISOR, OUR HEARTS ARE DELIGHTED
25 THIS MORNING. THIS IS A VERY AUSPICIOUS OCCASION FOR THE



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1 ARMENIAN CHURCH, FOR THE WESTERN DIOCESE, AND THE FAITHFUL FOR
2 THE DIOCESE, TO RECEIVE THE HONORS WHICH WERE BESTOWED UPON
3 HIS EMINENCE, ARCHBISHOP VACHIO HOVSEPIAN, WHO HAS
4 RELENTLESSLY SERVED THIS COMMUNITY, HAS A STRENGTH IN THIS
5 COMMUNITY, AND YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND YOUR HONOR BESTOWED
6 UPON HIM IS AN HONOR FOR THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY IN THE WESTERN
7 DIOCESE. THIS MORNING, WE THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF THE DIOCESE
8 AND THE FAITHFUL OF THE WESTERN DIOCESE, AND WE TAKE THIS AS A
9 MOMENT OF CHALLENGE TO RENEW OUR COMMITMENT TO SERVE THE LORD
10 AND TO SERVE THIS COMMUNITY, AND WE ALSO COMMIT OURSELVES TO
11 BRING OUR SHARE OF CONTRIBUTION FOR THE GREATER COMMUNITY OF
12 THE LOS ANGELES AREA. THE ARMENIANS, AS THE FIRST NATION WHO
13 HAVE ACCEPTED CHRISTIANITY, HAVE KEPT THEIR VOCATION AND THEIR
14 CALLING TO SERVE HUMANITY, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO FOR
15 THE GLORY OF GOD AND FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF THIS COMMUNITY.
16 WE THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR THIS HONOR. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE
17]

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY OTHER PRESENTATIONS? HMM?
20 DON? WHO HAVE -- OH, THE DOG. HE HAS A DOG. HE'S GOING TO HAVE
21 TO MOVE THIS... [MIXED VOICES]

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME BRING OUT LITTLE COTTON, WHO IS A
24 POODLE MIX. HE'S THREE YEARS OLD AND HE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME.

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1 **AUDIENCE:** OOHS AND AHS.

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO HE'S -- HE'S ALL PRETTY, LOOKING FOR A
4 HOME. ANYBODY WHO'S WATCHING AT HOME ON TELEVISION CAN CALL
5 AREA CODE 562-728-4644, AND COTTON CAN BE YOURS. [MIXED
6 VOICES]

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOT TOO HYPER. SEE ANYBODY YOU LIKE, SEE,
9 OKAY? [MIXED VOICES]

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE ALSO HAVE ONE OTHER PERSON WHO SAID THEY
12 WERE NOT -- THEY WERE HOLDING SOMETHING. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL,
13 AND WE'LL MOVE SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY MOVE FOR RECONSIDER 52.
14 KNABE SECONDS IT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, ITEM 52 WILL BE
15 RECONSIDERED. IT'LL BE PLACED ON THE LIST. IT'S NOT ON THE
16 PRINTED AGENDA, BUT IT'LL BE PLACED ON THERE.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
19 TODAY MADAM CHAIRMAN, ONE OF THE PASTORS WHO HAD VISITED US
20 MANY TIMES IN THE PAST, WHO WAS VERY CHEERFUL AND FULL OF LIFE
21 AND VIGOR, AND THAT WAS THE PASTOR REVEREND PHILLIP LONGFELLOW
22 ANDERSON OF CHURCH OF THE LIGHTED WINDOW IN LA CANADA. IF WE
23 REMEMBER, HE HAD WRITTEN A BOOK ON DISNEY AND THE GOSPELS AND
24 WHEN HE LED HIS IN INVOCATIONS, HE WOULD REFER TO THE VARIOUS
25 DISNEY CHARACTERS IN THE GOSPEL, AND JUST A VERY FINE MAN. HE



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1 WAS ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE KIWANIS CLUB OF LA CANADA. AND HIS
2 WIFE, PAT, FORMERLY WITH THE TELEPHONE COMPANY, IS THE
3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LA CANADA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND
4 HE JUST PASSED AWAY THROUGH OPEN HEART SURGERY, AND OUR
5 PRAYERS ARE WITH PAT AND THE FAMILY. ALSO, ROMAN ANETSKI, A
6 LONG-TIME MEMBER OF THE RODEO, LOS ANGELES ROTARY CLUB FOR
7 MANY, MANY YEARS. GERALDINE ANNA BRADESICH, WHO PASSED AWAY,
8 WAS ACTIVE IN THE ARTS, WITH OIL PAINTING, WATER COLORS, AND
9 ACTIVE IN THE CROATIAN COMMUNITY. SHEILA DECELLIS, WHO -- THE
10 LOVING MOTHER OF PAT DECELLIS WHO WORKS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 PUBLIC WORKS WHO PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 18TH. JOHN GARCIA, A
12 LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, WHO WORKED FOR
13 LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THE L.A. COUNTY MAIL SERVICES, AND YASHI
14 TED ICHIEA, A JAPANESE AMERICAN SINGER AND PRE-WORLD WAR II
15 RADIO PERSONALITY WHO PASSED AWAY AFTER A BRIEF ILLNESS ON
16 JUNE 7TH AT THE AGE OF 97. HE WAS THE FATHER OF FAMICO
17 WASSERMAN, OUR JUDGE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
18 AND ALSO THE BROTHER OF SIECHI ATONO. HE HAD TWO DAUGHTERS AND
19 FOUR GRANDCHILDREN, AND ONE GREAT GRANDCHILD, AND ONE OF HIS
20 GRANDCHILDREN, GAVIN, IS ONE OF THE COMMISSIONERS I'VE
21 APPOINTED IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND AUDREY HANSEN, A
22 LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND PALMDALE WHO
23 PASSED AWAY AT 86. AND FOR... FOR NEXT WEEK, WE HAVE A MOTION
24 RELATIVE TO YESTERDAY'S SUPREME COURT RULING THAT TO RECEIVE
25 FEDERAL FUNDS, PUBLIC LIBRARIES MAY BE ORDERED BY CONGRESS TO



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1 INSTALL INTERNET FILTERS, AND THAT WOULD REPORT BACK TO
2 DIRECTOR OF COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND COUNSEL -- THE COUNTY
3 COUNSEL TO REPORT BACK IN 15 DAYS ON HOW THE SUPREME COURT
4 RULING WOULD IMPACT THE COUNTY'S FILTERING PRACTICE WITH
5 RECOMMENDATIONS, IF ANY, FOR STRENGTHENING OUR FILTERING
6 CAPABILITIES. AND A MOTION FOR NEXT WEEK. OVER 10 YEARS AGO,
7 THE BOARD APPROVED MY MOTION TO DEVELOP THE WELFARE FRAUD
8 HOTLINE. SINCE ITS INCEPTION, THE HOTLINE HAS BEEN VERY
9 SUCCESSFUL DETECTING WELFARE FRAUD, SAVING THE DEPARTMENT AND
10 TAXPAYERS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. JUST YESTERDAY, IT WAS
11 REPORTED, 15 INDIVIDUALS WERE ARRESTED FOR WELFARE FRAUD IN
12 EXCESS OF \$800,000. AND REPORT THAT THE -- DIRECT THE
13 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICE TO REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS
14 ON HOW THOSE INDIVIDUALS WERE ABLE TO FILE SUCH FRAUDULENT
15 CLAIMS WITHOUT BEING DETECTED, AND WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW
16 TO STRENGTHEN THOSE CONTROLS. AND AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE
17 TO RELINQUISH PART OF MY HOLDS TO SUPERVISOR BURKE, WHO HAS AN
18 ITEM THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP AT THIS TIME.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR
21 ANTONOVICH. ON THE ITEM THAT'S A REPORT BACK, IT'S MOVED BY
22 ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION. THAT'S A
23 REPORT-BACK ITEM. I'M GOING TO CALL UP ITEM NUMBER 46. WE WANT
24 TO RESPECT YOUR TIME, AND I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR COMING
25 OUT. I THINK IT'S SO IMPORTANT FOR US TO KNOW -- [APPLAUSE]



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND TO HEAR THE EXPRESSIONS OF COMMITMENT
3 AND SUPPORT FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL. [ENTHUSIASTIC
4 CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NOW -- [ENTHUSIASTIC CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. NOW, LET ME
9 SAY, WE ARE GOING TO -- WE ARE GOING TO ALLOCATE TIME -- ALL
10 RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. NOW, WE'RE GOING TO
11 ALLOCATE TIME TO THE SPEAKERS THAT HAVE BEEN INDICATED. WE
12 HAVE RECEIVED AN AGENDA FROM THE PEOPLE THAT ORGANIZE THIS
13 DELEGATION. WE WILL CALL ALL OF THE PEOPLE WHOSE NAMES WE HAVE
14 HERE WHO HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AS A SPEAKER. WE ARE GOING TO
15 ASK THAT YOU NOT TAKE AWAY FROM THEIR TIME BY APPLAUDING. IF
16 YOU WISH TO SIGNAL THAT YOU ARE SUPPORTING, YOU CAN DO LIKE
17 THIS, YOU CAN DO WHATEVER AS LONG AS YOU DON'T MAKE ANY NOISE,
18 SO WE CAN CONTINUE AND WE CAN HEAR THEM. AND ALSO, WE DON'T
19 WANT TO TAKE AWAY THE TIME FROM THE NEXT SPEAKER. SO, THE
20 FIRST SPEAKER, IS REVEREND JIM LAWSON, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD
21 OF S.C.L.C., PLEASE COME FORWARD, AND YOU CAN DO -- [APPLAUSE
22]

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE DON'T APPLAUD, AND WE HAVE TO FOLLOW THE
25 SAME RULES FOR EVERYBODY WHO COMES HERE. OKAY. REVEREND



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1 LAWSON, DISTINGUISHED MINISTER, ASSISTANT TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER
2 KING.

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4 **JAMES M. LAWSON JR.:** MADAM CHAIRPERSON, MY NAME IS JAMES M.
5 LAWSON, JR., I'M PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
6 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, WHICH IS THE ORGANIZATION THAT MARTIN
7 KING FOUNDED IN 1957. I'M ALSO PASTOR EMERITUS OF HOLMAN
8 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HERE IN THE CITY WHERE I WAS FOR 25
9 YEARS. I HAVE KNOWN SOME OF YOU FOR NOW AT LEAST 33 YEARS. I
10 SHOULD TELL YOU FIVE SUPERVISORS, FOUR, AND I'VE KNOWN SOME OF
11 YOUR STAFF ACROSS THE YEARS, AND I HAVE WATCHED YOU THROUGH
12 ALL THOSE YEARS. I KNOW THAT YOU ARE PEOPLE WHO CONSIDER
13 YOURSELVES TO BE FAIR MINDED AND DECENT MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE
14 PERHAPS THE HARDEST PIECE OF WORK IN OUR COUNTY, IF NOT ONE OF
15 THE HARDEST PIECES OF WORK IN THE NATION: NAMELY THAT OF
16 TRYING TO SEE TO IT THAT THE NEEDS AND WELL BEING OF THE
17 PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ARE FULFILLED. I WANT TO
18 TRY TO SUGGEST TO YOU THAT, IN THE LAST FEW YEARS AS YOU'VE
19 BEEN DEALING WITH THE HEALTHCARE MATTER, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT
20 YOU HAVE OFFERED SOLUTIONS WHICH ARE NOT SOLUTIONS. I'M
21 QUOTING MARTIN LUTHER KING HERE. AND EACH SOLUTION THAT IS NOT
22 A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS THAT ARE THEREFORE FURTHER
23 COMPLICATES, MAKES MORE PERPLEXING THE ISSUE, BUT CERTAINLY
24 UNDERMINES THE ACHIEVEMENT OF SOLUTIONS THAT REALLY SATISFY
25 THE CALL OF JUSTICE, OR THE CALL OF COMMUNITY, OR THE CALL OF



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1 HEALTHCARE FOR ALL PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY. AND I SIMPLY WANT TO
2 SAY TO YOU THAT YOU ARE WRONG IN THIS -- IN THAT YOU ARE
3 DISMANTLING WHAT WAS ONCE THE FINEST PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM IN
4 THE UNITED STATES, IF NOT ONE OF THE FINEST IN THE WORLD. [
5 APPLAUSE] .

6

7 **JAMES M. LAWSON JR. :** YOU DO NOT ENRICH COMMUNITY
8 RELATIONSHIPS, YOU CANNOT POSTPONE THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE WHO
9 ARE SICK AND THEREBY PRETEND THAT YOU MAKE A FUTURE THAT IS
10 BETTER OR MORE REFLECTIVE OF HARMONIOUS RELATIONS. YOU DO NOT
11 ACT OUT OF VALUES YOU PROFESS. AND SINCE JESUS HAS BEEN
12 MENTIONED HERE, THE WORD THAT JESUS HAD WAS PERHAPS HIS
13 FIERCEST WORD ON MANY OF US, IS "HYPOCRITE." THAT IS PEOPLE
14 WHO HAVE VALUES BUT WHO DO NOT LIVE OUT AND WORK OUT THOSE
15 VALUES.

16

17 **AUDIENCE:** OOHS.

18

19 **JAMES M. LAWSON JR. :** AND I OBVIOUSLY WANT TO SAY THAT I
20 UNDERSTAND THAT THOSE VALUES YOU WOULD LIKE TO WORK OUT, YOU
21 WANT TO WORK OUT, BUT I MUST SAY ALSO THAT IN THIS MATTER OF
22 HEALTHCARE IN THIS CITY AND THE COUNTY, YOU ARE NOT LIVING OUT
23 THE PROFESSIONS, THE VALUES THAT YOU PROFESS. AND YOU THEREBY
24 INJURE THE DREAM IF YOU DO NOT KILL THE DREAM THAT'S ON THE
25 SHIRTS OF MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO LOSE THEIR WORK



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1 AND LOSE THEIR OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE WELL BEING OF
2 OUR SOCIETY. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., INCIDENTALLY, ON APRIL
3 THE 4TH, 1967, PREDICTED THAT WE WOULD BE IN THIS KIND OF
4 BIND, BECAUSE, HE SAID, IN THE FAMOUS SPEECH IN NEW YORK CITY
5 AT THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH, HE SAID THAT A NATION THAT SPENDS
6 MORE FOR MILITARISM, VIOLENCE, AND WAR, FOR PRISONS, THAN IT
7 SPENDS FOR EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE IS
8 ALREADY A NATION THAT IS MORALLY BANKRUPT. THIS IS 1967. AND
9 SINCE THAT STATEMENT, YOU KNOW, THINGS HAVE GOTTEN WORSE. [
10 APPLAUSE]

11

12 **JAMES M. LAWSON JR.:** YOU INJURED A DREAM, I'VE SAID, AND I
13 WANT TO SAY THAT THE REASON IS BECAUSE WHETHER WE AMERICANS
14 KNOW IT OR NOT, MANY OF US ARE CAUGHT IN THE SPIRITUAL
15 WICKEDNESS OF WHAT MARTIN KING CALLED MILITARISM, RACISM,
16 ECONOMIC INJUSTICE. THESE ARE SPIRITUAL VALUES, INCIDENTALLY,
17 THAT WE ADHERE TO, WHETHER WE WANT TO CALL THEM THAT OR NOT,
18 AND I ADD THE SPIRITUAL WICKEDNESS OF VIOLENCE. YOU'VE
19 MENTIONED JESUS, SO I WANT TO SAY, WELL, JESUS MENTIONED THAT
20 ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH WILL ONE DAY BE JUDGED, AND THEY
21 WILL BE JUDGED BY SOME LARGER, BROADER PRINCIPLE, AND ONE OF
22 THE PRINCIPLES IS HOW THEY CARE FOR THE SICK. AND 'I WAS IN
23 PRISON,' JESUS SAID, 'I WAS SICK,' JESUS SAID, 'AND YOU DID
24 NOT VISIT ME.' IF YOU CONTINUE THE COURSE TO DISMANTLING
25 MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL AND ALL THAT IT REPRESENTS FOR



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1 HEALTH SERVICES TO A BROAD LATINO AND BLACK COMMUNITY, ALSO A
2 BROAD, POOR COMMUNITY IN LOS ANGELES, THEN YOU ARE WRONG. AND
3 I MUST ALSO ADD THAT IF YOU CONTINUE TO DO THIS, THEN I HAVE
4 TO SAY, AS A PASTOR OF SOME 47 YEARS, THAT JESUS IS WRONG, AND
5 I HAPPEN TO THINK THAT JESUS IS RIGHT, WHETHER WE TRY TO
6 FOLLOW THAT IN THESE DAYS OR AGE OR NOT. PERHAPS THE ONLY
7 THING THAT WOULD PERSUADE YOU FOR A DIFFERENT COURSE, AND I
8 RECOGNIZE THAT THAT IS PERPLEXING TO YOU, THE ONLY WAY THAT
9 YOU WILL BE PERSUADED BY A DIFFERENT COURSE IS IF SOME OF US
10 GO BACK TO ORGANIZING YEA TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE
11 IN THESE STREETS AND MAKE YOUR WORK -- DISRUPT YOUR WORK IN
12 SUCH A FASHION THAT YOU CANNOT MANAGE WITHOUT DEALING WITH THE
13 PROBLEMS OF ECONOMIC JUSTICE, OF EQUALITY OF HEALTHCARE, AND
14 THE REST. THAT CERTAINLY IS PART OF THE MESSAGE FROM THE '50S
15 AND '60S AND THE '30S AND THE '40S, AND I PERSONALLY WILL URGE
16 YOU, GET ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF HISTORY, GET ON THE RIGHT SIDE
17 OF THAT WHICH IS RIGHT, GET ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF SEEING TO IT
18 THAT ORDINARY PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTY HAVE FULL ACCESS TO THE
19 HEALTHCARE THEIR CHILDREN NEED, THE ELDERLY NEED, THE DISABLED
20 NEED, AND THE REST OF PEOPLE. I SPEAK AS ONE WHO'S ALWAYS HAD
21 EXCELLENT HEALTHCARE FOR MY CHILDHOOD, AND I STILL HAVE IT,
22 THOUGH I RECOGNIZE THAT NOW I'M RETIRED AND AGED 75, IT IS
23 BEING THREATENED BY THE KIND OF SHENANIGANS THAT ARE GOING ON
24 IN OUR COUNTY CONCERNING HEALTHCARE. I URGE YOU TO SEE THESE
25 PROBLEMS AS PROBLEMS OF HUMAN NEEDS AND NOT IT BE -- OUGHT TO



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1 BE THE FIRST PRIORITY OF ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OF THE FIVE
2 SUPERVISORS OF THIS COUNTY. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, REVEREND LAWSON. THE
5 NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE TIM WATKINS. WOULD YOU PLEASE COME
6 FORWARD? I RECOGNIZE HE HAS A PLANE TO CATCH. WHILE HE'S
7 COMING UP, I HOPE THAT EVERYONE WHO HAS MEDICARE IS GOING TO
8 MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL, BECAUSE WE -- ONE OF THE THINGS
9 THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS SAID TO US IS THAT WE HAVE TO
10 INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ON MEDICARE IF WE'RE GOING TO
11 GET ANY FEDERAL MONEY, SO IF YOU'LL PASS THAT WORD, IF WE'RE
12 GOING TO GO BACK TO THEM FOR -- AND I HOPE YOU'RE NOT JUST
13 HERE, YOU'RE GOING TO WASHINGTON AND SACRAMENTO, WHO WE DEPEND
14 ON FOR THE MONEY, THAT THEY'RE SAYING TO US WE HAVE TO
15 INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF MEDICARE IN OUR HOSPITALS, SO PASS
16 THAT WORD. YES, JIM WATKINS.

17

18 **TIM WATKINS:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS TIM
19 WATKINS. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE WATTS LABOR COMMUNITY ACTION
20 COMMITTEE, AND IT WAS INDEED THE FIRST -- THE FIRST CAMPAIGN
21 OF THE WATTS LABOR COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE TO ORGANIZE AND
22 PARTICIPATE IN THE ORGANIZATION OF THE EFFORT TO ESTABLISH THE
23 KING HOSPITAL. IN 1953, I WAS BORN AT A LITTLE HOSPITAL NEAR
24 DOWNTOWN L.A. AND IT WAS A TEMPLE HOSPITAL, AND WHEN MY FAMILY
25 TOOK ME HOME, IT WAS TO THE PALM LANE HOUSING PROJECT IN



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1 WILLOWBROOK, WHERE TODAY THE KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER IS
2 SITUATED. DURING THE 1965 RIOTS, I WATCHED BEWILDERED AS THE
3 NEIGHBORHOOD AROUND ME BURNED, AND I LISTENED TO THE GUNSHOTS
4 RINGING OUT JUST DOORS AWAY FROM OUR NEW HOME ON 88TH PLACE
5 AND CENTRAL. IT WAS DURING THE DAYS FOLLOWING THOSE FIRES THAT
6 I BEGAN TO HEAR ABOUT THE MCCONE COMMISSION AND A GREAT REPORT
7 THAT THEY WERE PREPARING FOR THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA. IT
8 WAS NO SECRET THAT SOUTH CENTRAL NEEDED A HOSPITAL, BUT THE
9 COMMISSION'S ENDORSEMENT CERTIFIED IT. MY FATHER, TED WATKINS,
10 ALONG WITH MANY OTHERS, WENT TO WORK ON THAT CAMPAIGN TO BRING
11 THE HOSPITAL TO WATTS, AND I WAS THERE WHEN HE MET WITH KERRY
12 JENKINS, THE ARCHITECT THAT DESIGNED THE HOSPITAL, AND I WAS
13 ALSO THERE WHEN HE CAUSED THE CONSTRUCTION TO BE HALTED, NOT
14 ONCE, BUT TWICE IN ORDER TO DEMAND THAT THE PROMISE BE KEPT TO
15 HIRE BLACK PEOPLE IN BUILDING THAT HOSPITAL. I WAS THERE WHEN
16 THE BRONZE PLACARD WAS INSTALLED AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE THAT, TO
17 THIS DAY, CARRIES HIS NAME AS THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF THE
18 HOSPITAL, AND I WAS THERE WHEN MY FIRST CHILD WAS BORN INTO
19 THE HANDS OF A KING DREW DOCTOR. AND FINALLY, I WAS THERE ON
20 THE DAY THAT THE OUT-PATIENT CLINIC THAT CARRIES TED WATKINS'
21 NAME WAS DEDICATED. HE SOFTENED THAT DAY WHEN HE TALKED ABOUT
22 POOR PEOPLE SUFFERING NEGLECT AND ABANDONMENT, AND HE WEPT
23 WHEN HE TALKED ABOUT THE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ARE LOST AND TRYING
24 TO FIND THEIR WAY. AFTER 30 YEARS, TOO MANY OF OUR YOUNG
25 PEOPLE HAVE FOUND THEIR WAY TO THE KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER TO



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1 BE TREATED FOR GUNSHOT AND KNIFE WOUNDS, YET NOT ENOUGH FROM
2 RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET AT THE HIGH SCHOOL HAVE HAD A CHANCE
3 TO GRACE THE HALLS OF THE HOSPITAL WITH THE HEALING POWER OF
4 THEIR SKILLED HANDS AND BRIGHT MINDS. I KNOW THAT YOU
5 SUPERVISORS HAVE ONE HELL OF A JOB TO COMPLETE, AND I KNOW
6 THAT YVONNE BRATHWAITE-BURKE HAS SUFFERED MANY SLEEPLESS
7 NIGHTS ABOUT THIS, BECAUSE SHE'S TOLD ME SO, BUT I NEED TO SAY
8 THIS, BECAUSE IT IS THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY THAT I'LL HAVE AT A
9 TIME THAT MATTERS MOST. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE IMPACT OF
10 CUTTING BACK AT KING DREW, WE'RE NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT HOW
11 MANY BEDS OR HOW MANY JOBS OR SERVICES NEED TO BE CUT TO SAVE
12 THE CENTER; WE'RE REALLY TALKING ABOUT HOW MUCH POTENTIAL WE
13 STAND TO LOSE IN THE PROCESS. THE HOSPITAL WAS A DREAM COME
14 TRUE FOR GENERATIONS OF FAMILIES THAT HAVE BEEN BORN THERE.
15 LET'S NOT RISK THE DREAM TO NIGHTMARE. LET'S NOT RISK THE
16 LIVES OF THOSE THAT ARE YET TO BE BORN OR SAVED TO A DREAM
17 DEFERRED. INSTEAD, LET'S DARE TO RISK A COMMITMENT TO SAVING
18 KING DREW BY RECOGNIZING THAT ALONG WITH THE LIVELIHOOD OF A
19 WORK FORCE, IT IS THE LIFE BLOOD OF A COMMUNITY THAT IS AT
20 RISK HERE. THE MISSION CHAIRED BY KENNETH HAHN AND TED WATKINS
21 WAS A HUMBLE ONE, TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR RESIDENTS
22 OF SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES. NOW THE TIME IS UPON US TO
23 RECONCILE THE LEGACY WITH THE REALITY OF WHAT WE'RE TALKING
24 ABOUT HERE TODAY. MUCH WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE AT A TIME WHEN
25 MANY SERVICES ARE ALREADY BEING CUT IN THE POOREST SECTIONS OF



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1 THE COUNTY. LET OUR LEGACY BE THAT WE DID THE BEST THAT COULD
2 BE DONE, THAT WE FOUGHT HARD FOR RIGHT, AND THAT WE EXHAUSTED
3 EVERY OPTION IN PURSUIT OF SUCCESS AND THAT WE CAUGHT IT AND
4 HELD ON TIGHT 'TIL YOUNG PEOPLE AND OLD LATCHED ON AND BROUGHT
5 US TO COMMON GROUND WHERE WE FIGURED IT ALL OUT, THAT WE FOUND
6 A WAY TO MAKE IT WORK, NOT IN REACTION TO CUT BACKS AND
7 CRISES, BUT IN THE INTEREST OF COST EFFICIENCY AND GOOD
8 SERVICE, MORE PATIENTS BEING SEEN IN FEWER HOURS WITH QUALITY
9 AND CARE. THEN AND ONLY THEN CAN WE CELEBRATE A JOB COMPLETE
10 AND IN THE NAMES OF KING AND DREW AND DARE I ADD HAHN, HENRY
11 WATKINS AND MOBLEY, ALL PEOPLE THAT FOUND WAYS TO SUCCEED,
12 EVEN IN THE FACES OF HOPELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DOCTOR -- DOCTOR
15 FUKUSHIMA, PLEASE COME FORWARD. AND IF SOME OF THE PHYSICIANS
16 WANT TO JOIN YOU THERE, THERE'S SOME PHYSICIANS THAT SIGNED UP
17 THAT WERE NOT ON THIS LIST I ORIGINALLY RECEIVED. NOW, IF THEY
18 WANT TO COME UP AND CERTAINLY SUPPORT YOU IN YOUR -- WHAT
19 YOU'RE SAYING, WE CAN DO THAT, BECAUSE AFTER THE TIME WE
20 ALLOCATED, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE REST OF THE
21 AGENDA AND CALL THE REST OF THE PEOPLE WHO SIGNED UP LATER,
22 BUT WE AGREED TO CALL THESE PEOPLE OUT OF ORDER. SO THOSE
23 PEOPLE WHO SIGNED UP WHO WERE NOT ON THE LIST THAT WAS GIVEN
24 TO ME BY DOCTOR SMITH, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO ASK THEM TO COME



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1 BACK LATER, AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO HEAR THIS IN PUBLIC COMMENT.

2 YES. GO RIGHT AHEAD. YES DOCTOR FUKUSHIMA.

3

4 **DOCTOR TEIICHIRO FUKUSHIMA:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, MEMBERS OF THE
5 BOARD, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING TO YOU SOME OF
6 THE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY THE CURTAILMENT, PARTICULARLY IN THE
7 OB/GYN SERVICE AND ALSO TO THE COMMUNITY. I UNDERSTAND THE
8 REASONING BEHIND THE NEED FOR CURTAILMENT. THE OBSTETRICAL
9 SERVICE HAS BEEN REDUCED RECENTLY FROM 13 MEMBERS TO EIGHT.
10 EIGHT IS RADICAL. THIS, YOU KNOW, IS AN INADEQUATE NUMBER TO
11 KEEP THE HOSPITAL 24-7 OPEN. LET ME TELL YOU WHAT KIND OF
12 PATIENTS WE ARE SERVING. ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER HAS BEEN REDUCED,
13 TWO OUT OF THREE PATIENTS ARE HIGH RISK. THESE ARE THE
14 PATIENTS THAT NONE OF THE SURROUNDING PRIVATE HOSPITALS WANT
15 TO CARE FOR. AND I WAS SURPRISED TO FIND OUT THAT IN ANALYZING
16 THE 2002 STATISTICS, THAT 40% OF MY PATIENTS ARE NOW AFRICAN-
17 AMERICAN. THESE ARE THE HIGHEST RISK OF ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS.
18 25%, ONE IN FOUR, HAVE NO PRENATAL CARE. THE LOW BIRTH WEIGHT
19 RATE, LESS THAN 2,500 GRAMS, WAS FOUR TIMES THE CALIFORNIA
20 STATE AVERAGE. THE VERY LOW BIRTH WEIGHT, THE VERY TINY
21 BABIES, WERE ALMOST SIX TIMES THE CALIFORNIA AVERAGE. THIS IS
22 PART OF THE REASON THESE BABIES COST MORE TO CARE FOR. NOW,
23 INTERESTINGLY, THE LOW BIRTH WEIGHT AND VERY LOW BIRTH WEIGHT
24 IN WOMEN RECEIVING PRENATAL CARE, SOME KIND OF PRENATAL CARE
25 IN THE REGION, WAS THE WORST TO FARE IN OUR SYSTEM, MEANING



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1 THAT WE DO PROVIDE A BETTER HEALTHCARE TO THIS COMMUNITY. IT'S
2 NOT ANY PRENATAL CARE, BUT, YOU KNOW, YOU NEED TO LOOK AT WHAT
3 WE DO FULLY. AS A RESULT OF THE CURTAILMENT, WE WILL LOSE THE
4 ONCOLOGY SERVICE. DR. SAVAGE, WHO HAS COME OUT OF RETIREMENT
5 TO SUPPORT US AND ANOTHER DOCTOR WHO VOLUNTEERS FROM KAISER
6 ARE THE ONLY DOCTORS SUPPORTING THIS IMPORTANT SERVICE TO
7 WOMEN. YOUR OFFICE FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH HAS INDICATED THAT
8 PATIENTS IN THIS POOR COMMUNITY HAVE THEIR HIGHEST INCIDENCE
9 OF ADVANCED CANCER ON DISCOVERY, AND SOME OF THEM HAVE NOT
10 RECEIVED A PAP SMEAR SCREENING IN THEIR ENTIRE LIVES. WE'RE
11 GOING TO LOSE THE URO-GYNECOLOGISTS, THE SPECIALISTS WHO CARE
12 FOR THE BLADDER PROBLEMS AND PROLAPSE PROBLEM AS ALL PATIENT
13 AGE, YOU UNDERSTAND THAT MORE AND MORE PATIENTS WILL NEED THIS
14 TYPE OF SPECIALIZED CARE. THE -- ALTHOUGH SOME OF YOU MAY NOT
15 LIKE THIS, THE THERAPEUTIC ABORTION SERVICE WILL BE CLOSED.
16 THE LACK OF STAFF FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF KING
17 DREW, MAY FORCE INTERMITTENT CLOSURE OF LABOR AND DELIVERY
18 WITH IMPACT ON EMERGENCY ROOM DUE TO THIS LACK OF ADEQUATE
19 STAFFING. SO WHAT CAN WE DO? CAN WE DO THIS SAME KIND OF
20 SERVICE IN A CHEAPER WAY? SURE, WE CAN. IF YOU LOOK AT ALL THE
21 PRIVATE HOSPITALS, THAT'S WHAT THEY DO. THEY HAVE MOVED FROM
22 THE STATIC SYSTEM INTO A MORE DYNAMIC, LABOR/DELIVERY RECOVERY
23 SYSTEM, WHICH I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO IMPLEMENT SINCE THE DAYS
24 OF THE RESTRUCTURING FIVE YEARS AGO. WHY CAN'T THE COUNTY



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1 THINK FORWARD AND INVEST A FEW MONEY TO RECOVER MORE ON THIS
2 ISSUE? [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **DOCTOR TEIICHIRO FUKUSHIMA:** KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER HAS BEEN
5 THE LAST MAJOR HOSPITAL IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND WHO
6 KNOWS, IN THE UNITED STATES, TO HAVE A CENTRAL MONITORING AND
7 ARCHIVING OF THE FETAL HEART RATE SYSTEM. WHY ARE WE SO LATE
8 IN IMPLEMENTING THE SERVICE THAT EVERY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL IN
9 THIS CITY HAS AND THEY WOULDN'T DARE TO CARE FOR THE KIND OF
10 PATIENT WE DO WITHOUT THIS TYPE OF CENTRALIZED MONITORING. SO
11 WHY CAN'T WE COMPETE WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR? SURE, WE CAN DO
12 SOME BETTER WORK OF THIS, WE CAN OFFER THE SAME KIND OF L.D.R.
13 SERVICE. WE DO HAVE AN ENTIRE WARD RIGHT NOW THAT IS EMPTY
14 THAT WE COULD SIMPLY MOVE INTO IT, BUT OBVIOUSLY THERE WILL
15 NEED TO BE A LITTLE BIT OF REMODELING AND SOME MODICUM OF
16 INVESTMENT, BUT WITH THAT, YOU WILL SAVE HALF MILLION DOLLARS
17 IN EMPLOYEE COSTS IF YOU DID THAT STEP. SO I THINK, YOU KNOW,
18 THE IMPORTANT THING THAT WE DO IS NOT O.B. WE DO PROVIDE 80%
19 OF OUR WORK NOW IS GYNECOLOGY. AND IF YOU CUT US BACK TO 8, I
20 DON'T KNOW HOW WE'RE GOING TO SUPPORT THE SERVICE, MUCH LESS
21 THE UPCOMING WOMEN'S HEALTH CENTER OF EXCELLENCE. THANK YOU
22 FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT WOULD YOU INTRODUCE THE PEOPLE
25 WHO ARE THERE WITH YOU FROM OB/GYN, AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO



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1 HEAR NEXT FROM ROBERTA BRUNI FROM PEDIATRICS AND THE
2 PHYSICIANS WHO DO NOT GET HEARD, WE WILL HEAR THEM AFTER WE
3 COME BACK AT THE CONCLUSION OF IT. WOULD YOU INTRODUCE THE
4 PEOPLE WHO ARE WITH YOU, AND WE CAN RECOGNIZE THEM, FROM
5 OB/GYN.

6

7 **DOCTOR TEIICHIRO FUKUSHIMA:** THANK YOU. DR. BRUCE SCHLESSINGER,
8 YOU STAND UP, AND DR. EDWARD SAVAGE, S.I.U.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. AND WE RECOGNIZE ALL HIS LONG
11 SERVICE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **DOCTOR TEIICHIRO FUKUSHIMA:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND NOW WE'D LIKE TO CALL ON ROBERTA BRUNI
16 FROM PEDIATRICS. AND YOU CAN INTRODUCE THE OTHER PEOPLE WHO
17 ARE WITH YOU FROM PEDIATRICS.

18

19 **ROBERTA BRUNI:** GOOD MORNING. IT IS AN HONOR TO BE HERE IN
20 FRONT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THE DEPARTMENT OF
21 PEDIATRICS IS HERE IN FORCE. I HAVE SEEN IN THE AUDIENCE DR.
22 EXIMINE HABINE, DR. GLENDA LINDSAY, DR. MICHELLE GAINS, DR.
23 JASMINE EUGENIA, DR. ERNEST SMITH, AND SEVERAL OTHERS,
24 INCLUDING SOME OF OUR RESIDENTS.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND I ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT WE HAVE
2 HERE DR. SAMUEL BIGGERS, WHO WE WILL HAVE TO LISTEN TO LATER,
3 BUT WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT YOU'RE HERE.

4

5 **DR. SAMUEL BIGGERS:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **ROBERTA BRUNI:** AND WE ARE PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL TO THE
8 SERVICES OF THE NEUROSURGEONS, BECAUSE THE UNIT I WORK IN IS
9 THE NEONATAL I.C.U. WE HAVE BEEN CONCERNED BY THE ISSUES OF
10 PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION OF THE NEONATAL SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE
11 COUNTY FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS. AND IN ORDER TO SUPPORT OUR
12 PLEDGE TO CONTINUE OUR SERVICE AT KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER, WE
13 HAVE EXAMINED DATA FROM THE NEIGHBORING SERVICE PROVIDING
14 AREAS AND THE SPOT TOO WHERE OLIVE VIEW IS LOCATED. I WOULD
15 LIKE TO RESPECTFULLY SUBMIT TO THE BOARD, A HANDOUT FOR THE
16 MATERIAL I'M DISCUSSING. BUT FORTUNATELY, WE WERE SPARED
17 TABLES AND TABLES BY AN ELECTRONIC GLITCH TODAY. WE NEED TO
18 DOCUMENT AND CONTINUE TO PUT FORWARD THE CRITICAL ROLE OF OUR
19 HOSPITAL IN THE CARE OF THE HIGH-RISK CHILD. THE SYNOPSIS THAT
20 WE'RE SHOWING ABOUT SPAS 2, 4, 6, 7 AND 8, SHOWING GLARING
21 DIFFERENCES IN THE POPULATION AND THE STATUS OF OUR AREA. AND
22 I HAVE TO LIMIT MYSELF TO JUST A FEW HIGHLIGHTS. SPA 6 HAS, BY
23 FAR, THE LARGEST POPULATION OF CHILDREN IN THE COUNTY. 36% OF
24 OUR PEOPLE ARE LESS THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE. 35% OF THE PEOPLE IN
25 SPA 6 ARE AFRICAN-AMERICAN, AND THERE ARE MORE HISPANICS IN



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1 OUR SPA THAN IN ANY OTHER EXCEPT SPA 7. THE RESULT IS A
2 POPULATION THAT IS SEVERELY DISADVANTAGED. AND THE QUESTIONS
3 WE ASK IS, WHY IS IT THAT IN THE AREA WITH THE LOWEST
4 FINANCIAL STATUS, LOWEST SOCIOECONOMIC WELL BEING, LOWEST FOR
5 ACCESS OR OWNERSHIP OF PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION, THE HOSPITALS
6 WE HAVE ARE ONLY FOUR? SPA 2 HAS 19 HOSPITALS. SPA 4 HAS 18.
7 SPA 8 HAS 15. SPA 7 HAS 11. IN SPA 6, KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER
8 IS THE ONLY LARGE TERTIARY CENTER FOR A VAST POPULATION, WHERE
9 ABOUT A PERSON OUT OF FOUR HAS NO MEANS OF GETTING TO THE
10 HOSPITAL BY THEMSELVES. RELYING ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
11 REQUIRES THAT A MOTHER TRAVELS 2 AND 1/2 HOURS BY BUS JUST TO
12 REACH HARBOR-U.C.L.A. WE HAD A MOTHER ALMOST REPORTED TO
13 D.C.F.S. BECAUSE HER CHILD ADMITTED AT HARBOR WASN'T SEEING
14 HER REGULARLY EVERY DAY. THIS MOTHER IS MANDATED TO CONTINUE
15 WORK UNDER CAB-WORK, MOTHERS WHO ACCESS THE EMERGENCY ROOM AT
16 3:00 IN THE MORNING WILL HAVE TO RELY ON EMERGENCY TRANSPORTS
17 OVER AND OVER AGAIN, AND WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THAT IS A
18 SMART USE OF RESOURCES. OTHER HIGHLIGHTS. SPA 6 HAS THE
19 LARGEST NUMBER OF CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY. IT ALSO HAS THE
20 HIGHEST NUMBER OF CHILDREN THAT DO NOT HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE.
21 AS DR. FUKUSHIMA HIGHLIGHTED, THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN THAT ARE
22 BORN LESS THAN FIVE AND LESS THAN THREE POUNDS IS
23 DISPROPORTIONATELY HIGHER TO THE COUNTY AVERAGE, THE STATE
24 AVERAGE, AND THE NATION'S AVERAGE. REGRETTABLY, WE ALSO HAVE
25 THE HIGHEST INFANT AND CHILD MORTALITY RATE. OUR CHILD



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1 MORTALITY RATE IS ALMOST TWICE THAT OF ANY OTHER AREA OF THE
2 COUNTY. IT IS A DISGRACE. I WITNESSED A CHILD DYING SUNDAY WHO
3 HAD BEEN SEEN IN COMMUNITY HOSPITALS WHERE HE WAS NOT
4 RECOGNIZED FOR THE SEVERITY OF HIS ILLNESS. WE WERE GLAD WHEN
5 THE TASK FORCE ON NEONATAL CONSOLIDATION RECOGNIZED THAT WE
6 HAVE TWICE THE NUMBER OF SEVERELY SICK CHILDREN ADMITTED TO
7 OUR UNIT, COMPARED TO ANYBODY TO HARBOR U.S.C. TO OLIVE VIEW.
8 THE RESULT IS SEVERE HEALTH ACCESS DISPARITY. IF WE WERE TO
9 LOSE STRUCTURED SERVICES IN OUR HOSPITAL. ON THE OTHER HAND,
10 THE ROLE OF THE HOSPITAL AS A TERTIARY CENTER NOT ONLY OF
11 CARE, BUT ALSO OF EDUCATION, IS A GIFT. IT IS A HOSPITAL FOR
12 MINORITIES, WHERE MINORITIES ARE TRAINED TO BECOME PROVIDERS
13 FOR THEIR COMMUNITIES. OUR MEDICAL STUDENTS ARE MANDATED TO
14 SPEND TWO YEARS IN AN UNDERSERVED AREA, AND MANY OF THEM MAKE
15 UNDERSERVED AREAS THEIR HOME FOR THE REST OF THEIR
16 PROFESSIONAL LIFE. WE REPRESENT A MAJOR CENTER FOR PEDIATRIC
17 CARE FROM THE NEONATAL TO THE SURGICAL CARE, AND WE HAVE THE
18 STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITY THAT WOULD ALLOW US TO IF ANYTHING
19 BECOME THE CENTRALIZED CENTER FOR THE COUNTY. THE POTENTIAL
20 FOR REVENUE GENERATIONS IS HIGH. WE HAVE GIVEN UP
21 ACCREDITATIONS FOR TRAUMA CENTER, FOR CALIFORNIA CHILDREN'S
22 SERVICES BY A NUMBER OF MISGUIDED FINANCIAL DECISIONS AT THE
23 LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE LEVEL. WE NEED TO REVERSE THAT. THANK YOU
24 FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND ANNA SMITH FROM PSYCHIATRY.

2 [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ANNA SMITH? PSYCHIATRY? WE DIDN'T -- WE
5 DIDN'T RECOGNIZE -- YES. DID YOU STATE YOUR NAME SO WE CAN
6 RECOGNIZE YOU? OR DID WE CALL, ALL RIGHT. ARE THERE OTHER
7 PEOPLE FROM PSYCHIATRY WE SHOULD RECOGNIZE? IF SO, WOULD THEY
8 PLEASE STAND? AND ANNA SMITH WILL RECOGNIZE THEM. AND SHE WILL
9 BE FOLLOWED BY RON ANTOINE, LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY
10 REPRESENTATIVE. WOULD HE PLEASE COME FORWARD?

11

12 **ANNA SMITH:** MADAM CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I AM ANNA
13 SMITH. I AM CURRENTLY A RETIRED PSYCHIATRIST, BUT I HAVE LIVED
14 IN THE SPA 6 AREA AND WORKED IN THE SPA 6 YEAR SINCE 1965. I
15 PARTICIPATED IN SOME OF THE EARLY PLANS BEFORE WHEN KING WAS
16 STILL A DREAM AND NOT A REALITY. AND I WORKED AT KING FOR A
17 TOTAL OF 11 YEARS. I AM COMING AS A RETIREE COMMUNITY ACTIVIST
18 TO SPEAK TO -- ABOUT PSYCHIATRY, BECAUSE I KNEW THAT THERE
19 WOULD BE THE POWERFUL MESSAGES ABOUT THE OTHER SERVICES, BUT
20 THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT ARE EQUALLY DESTRUCTIVE, AND THAT
21 CAN BE FIXED. MORE THAN THREE DECADES AGO, THE BOARD OF
22 SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY WAS ABLE TO SEE NEED THROUGH
23 CHAOS, HEAR TRUTH THROUGH RAGE, AND FACILITATE PLANS TO
24 ESTABLISH A COMPREHENSIVE HOSPITAL IN WATTS TO MEET THE HEALTH
25 NEEDS OF LONG-NEGLECTED COMMUNITIES WHO HAD TO TRAVEL MILES



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1 FOR HEALTHCARE. THOSE NEEDS CAN BE SUMMARIZED AS ACCESS TO
2 COMPREHENSIVE APPROPRIATE HEALTHCARE, TO MAINTENANCE OF
3 EFFECTIVE APPROPRIATE CARE TO THE DESIGNATED COMMUNITIES,
4 THREE, PARTICIPATION IN THE TRAINING OF PHYSICIANS AND ALLIED
5 HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDERS TO ENSURE QUALITY AND APPROPRIATENESS
6 OF CARE. AND WE'VE HEARD A GOOD PRESENTATION ON THIS ALREADY.
7 TODAY, THIS DISTINGUISHED BODY IS BEING CALLED UPON TO SEE
8 THROUGH THE CHAOS OF AN UNPRECEDENTED FINANCIAL DEFICIT. TO
9 HEAR TRUTH THROUGH THE OUTRAGE OF IMPACTED COMMUNITIES AND
10 PLAN FOR MEETING THE HEALTHCARE NEEDS OF THESE COMMUNITIES
11 WITH DIMINISHED RESOURCES. THE CURRENT NEEDS ARE ESSENTIALLY
12 THE SAME AS THEY WERE IN THE BEGINNING. WHEN ONE HAS TO WORK
13 WITH DIMINISHED RESOURCES, AND WHEN ONE IS ASKING CARE GIVERS
14 TO MAKE BRICKS NOT WITH STRAW, BUT WITHOUT THE STRAW, IT
15 BECOMES VERY NECESSARY TO COMMUNICATE CERTAIN THINGS TO THE
16 PEOPLE WHO HAVE TO DO THE WORK, WHO HAVE TO INCREASE THE
17 REVENUE STREAM, WHO HAVE TO TRY TO DEAL WITH THE ANXIETY OF
18 THEIR PATIENTS. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE KNOW FROM
19 PSYCHIATRY IS THAT PERCEPTIONS ARE OFT TIMES MUCH MORE
20 DAMAGING THAN TRUTH. IT WAS UNFORTUNATE THAT THE INJUNCTIONS
21 CAME THAT MADE IT NECESSARY TO CHANGE SOME THINGS IN TERMS OF
22 THE BUDGET PROCESS. BUT ONCE AGAIN, WHEN YOU HAVE THIS HUGE A
23 BUDGET, AND WHEN YOU HAVE THIS MUCH OF A GAP, YOU HAVE TO CALL
24 ON ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS TO REDEDICATE THEMSELVES TO THE UNIT,
25 AND THIS INCLUDES THE TREATMENT STAFF, IT INCLUDES THE



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1 PATIENTS, IT INCLUDES THE UNIVERSITY, IT INCLUDES THE
2 COMMUNITY, AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES. BUT IT BECOMES
3 VERY HARD FOR THESE OTHER STAKEHOLDERS, AGAIN, TO COME
4 FORWARD, AND GIVE THE EXTRA EFFECTIVE EFFORT IF THERE IS A
5 PERCEPTION OF BEING DEVALUED AND DISRESPECTED. [APPLAUSE]
6

7 **ANNA SMITH:** IT BECOMES -- AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT CAN BE
8 TURNED AROUND WITH OUR BRINGING IN ADDED BUDGET. THE PEOPLE
9 WHO ARE NEEDED TO COME IN TO HELP SOLVE THIS HUGE GAP AND
10 THESE BIG PROBLEMS REALLY WANT TO KNOW, NUMBER ONE, IS THAT
11 THEY ARE HEARD. NUMBER TWO, THAT EVEN IF YOU HAVE TO FEEDBACK,
12 THAT WE HEAR YOU, BUT WE REALLY ARE NOT ABLE TO DO THAT AT
13 THIS TIME. THEY NEED A CONTINUING DIALOGUE, BECAUSE THEY FEEL
14 THAT THIS IS PART OF THE VALUING AND THE RESPECT THAT SAYS,
15 "OKAY, WE GO BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD, AND WE WILL GIVE YOU
16 SOME MORE THINGS TO WORK WITH, AND THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT,
17 AT THIS POINT, I AM ASKING FOR.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THERE WILL BE A CONTINUING DIALOGUE.
20 THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS HERE AND I THINK THEY'VE ASSURED THAT
21 THIS WILL BE AN ONGOING --

22

23 **ANNA SMITH:** AND THE OTHER THING -- THE ALMOST FINAL THING FOR
24 ME IS THE PERCEIVED LACK OF VALUE FOR KING HOSPITAL. THAT HAS
25 BEEN THERE FROM THE INCEPTION. IT WAS HEARTBREAKING, ALMOST,



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1 TO READ IN THE ARTICLE IN THE L.A. TIMES IN FEBRUARY THAT SAID
2 THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NEED TO STOP LOOKING FOR
3 MIRACLES AND MOVE TO A MERGER, AND THEY TALKED ABOUT HARBOR
4 BEING THE BEST AND KING BEING THE WORST AND SAYING THAT THE
5 SOLUTION WAS OBVIOUS. YOU MERGE KING UTILIZING KING'S
6 BUILDINGS, AND YOU BRING IN HARBOR STAFF.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT HAS NEVER BEEN BEFORE THE BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS. THAT WAS SIMPLY REPORTED IN THE L.A. TIMES.

10

11 **ANNA SMITH:** NO, THIS IS NOT THE QUOTE OF THE BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS. THIS AGAIN THOUGH ARE THE KINDS OF THINGS THAT
13 BRING UP A SENSE OF BEING DEVALUED, AND THEN, WHEN INITIALLY
14 KING IS TOLD, "LOOK, PRIMARILY YOUR CUTS AND WHAT WE NEED FROM
15 YOU ARE IMPROVING EFFICIENCIES. YOU ARE NOT GOING TO SUFFER
16 GREAT CUTS, [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **ANNA SMITH:** AND THEN AGAIN ONCE MORE IN THE MEDIA WE LOOK AND
19 READ OF 149 DOCTORS ARE GOING TO BE DISCHARGED FROM KING.
20 WELL, THAT GOT DECREASED TO 79, BUT AGAIN, THE WHOLE PROCESS
21 SEEMED TO BE SAYING, AND IT'S CERTAINLY REACTIVATED, OLD
22 FEELINGS OF DISTRUST WHEN CERTAINLY NOW IS THE TIME WHEN WE
23 NEED TO COME TOGETHER, WORK TOGETHER, GO ALL OUT FOR THIS
24 TREMENDOUS JOB. NOW, KING IS AND HAS BEEN PERCEIVED KIND OF
25 LIKE A WOODEN HOUSE THAT WAS REALLY FULL OF TERMITES. AND WHAT



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1 WE ARE ASKING THIS MORNING IS THAT, AGAIN, THERE IS A COMING
2 TOGETHER OF THIS COALITION OF ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS, THE ASKING
3 FOR WHAT IS NECESSARY TO TRY TO MEET THIS CRISIS, TO -- AND TO
4 SAY TO THEM, "WE VALUE YOU, WE VALUE YOUR EFFORT, AND THIS IS
5 WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU." AND THIS, AGAIN, WOULD GO A LONG WAY
6 TOWARD BRINGING FORTH THE ENERGY AND THE RECOMMITMENT. YOU CAN
7 -- YOU CAN HEAR THE ENERGY. THE RECOMMITMENT TO ACCOMPLISHING
8 THIS HERCULEAN TASK THAT -- AND YOU'RE ASKING PEOPLE, AS I
9 SAID, TO MAKE BRICKS WITHOUT STRAW.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. NOW -- [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RON ATWOINE AND GLADYS RUSSELL, I'LL ASK
14 YOU TO COME FORWARD. YOU'LL BE NEXT AFTER RON ATWOINE, GLADYS
15 RUSSELL, AND THEN GERALDINE WASHINGTON, WOULD YOU BOTH COME
16 FORWARD? WOULD YOU, WOULD THE BOTH OF YOU COME FORWARD, GLADYS
17 RUSSELL AND GERALDINE WASHINGTON. ALL RIGHT, YES PLEASE.

18

19 **RON ANTOINE:** OKAY AND THE CORRECTION OF MY NAME IS MY NAME IS
20 RONALD CORTONE ANTOINE.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ANTOINE. I'M SORRY, THERE SOMEONE -- WE
23 KNOW WHO WROTE THIS.

24

25 **RON ANTOINE:** OKAY.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

3

4 **RON ANTOINE:** AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THIS, YOU KNOW, I'M
5 SITTING RIGHT HERE RIGHT NOW AND I'M HERE REPRESENTING MY
6 COMMUNITY, AND THIS IS MY FIRST TIME EVER APPROACHING THIS
7 BENCH, AND WHAT YOU-ALL REMIND ME OF RIGHT NOW IS A PAROLE
8 BOARD, BECAUSE IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE THAT'S
9 LOOKING AND LISTENING WHILE THE REST OF THEM IS READING AND
10 EVERYTHING ELSE, YOU KNOW -- [ENTHUSIASTIC CHEERS AND
11 APPLAUSE] [GAVEL].

12

13 **RON ANTOINE:** YOU KNOW, AND THAT'S THE SAME WAY THEY DO YOU
14 WHEN YOU, YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU GO TO THE PAROLE BOARD AND THEN
15 THEY MAKE A SENTENCE, AND THAT'S WHAT I'M FEELING RIGHT HERE,
16 IS THAT ONE PERSON IS LISTENING.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** EVERYBODY.

19

20 **RON ANTOINE:** OKAY, I'M SAYING -- I JUST WANT TO SAY WHAT I GOT
21 TO SAY.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, EVERYONE -- LET ME, LET ME
24 ASSURE YOU, EVERYONE IS LISTENING. THEY MAY BE DOING OTHER



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1 THINGS, BUT THEY ARE LISTENING, AND THEY'RE -- WELL LET ME SAY
2 THIS. JUST A SECOND, JUST A SECOND.

3

4 **AUDIENCE:** [MIXED VOICES] [GAVEL]

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YOU KNOW, WE WILL MAKE SURE THAT
7 EVERYONE IS QUIET, BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF ISSUES THAT ARE
8 GOING ON, THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT IT, AND I'M SURE YOU'VE
9 BEEN TO SACRAMENTO, YOU'VE BEEN TO WASHINGTON, YOU KNOW, THE
10 SAME DYNAMIC GOES ON EVERYWHERE YOU ARE. THERE'S A BIG AGENDA
11 AND A LOT OF ISSUES THAT ARE GOING TO COME UP AFTER THIS, SO,
12 BUT WE ARE LISTENING TO YOU, AND I'D LIKE TO ASK FOR YOU TO
13 KEEP GOING AND WE'D LIKE TO ASK FOR THE AUDIENCE --

14

15 **RON ANTOINE:** OKAY WHAT I WANT TO DO IS, I JUST WANT TO GIVE A
16 QUICK HISTORY LESSON, I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE UP TOO MUCH OF
17 YOUR TIME. I'VE BEEN IN WATTS SINCE 1959. I'VE BEEN A RESIDENT
18 OF WATTS BEFORE YOU-ALL EVEN CREATED A SOUTH CENTRAL. WHEN I
19 WAS A CHILD AND I WAS LIVING IN THE HOUSING PROJECTS, BEING
20 MISCHIEVOUS, I CLIMBED UP ON A CABINET ON TOP OF A
21 REFRIGERATOR, AND I DRUNK SOME FURNITURE POLISH THINKING IT
22 WAS SOME COOL AID OR SOMETHING. THANK GOD THAT MY MOTHER WAS A
23 NURSE, BECAUSE MY MOTHER KNEW WHAT TO DO. MY MOTHER PUT SOME
24 MAYONNAISE, SOME MILK AND A RAW EGG IN MY MOUTH AND IT CAUSED
25 ME TO THROW UP ALL THIS POISON AND THE LEFT SIDE OF MY FACE



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1 WAS BURNT. SO GROWING UP AS A CHILD, THE LEFT SIDE OF MY FACE
2 AND MY NECK WAS ALL PINK. BUT WHAT I'M GETTING TO IS, IS I
3 REMEMBER, WE DIDN'T HAVE A MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL. THEY
4 PUT US IN THAT BIG OLD YELLOW UGLY AMBULANCE THAT LOOKED LIKE
5 A HEARSE, AND WE HAD TO TRAVEL ALL THE WAY FROM WATTS TO
6 COUNTY U.S.C. AND I REMEMBER MY MOTHER CRYING BECAUSE THE
7 RAILROAD TRAIN ON THE RAILROAD TRACKS HAD CUT US OFF. NOW,
8 YEARS LATER, LIKE TIM WATKINS SAID EARLIER, I PLAYED IN PALM
9 LANE WHEN IT WAS A HOUSING PROJECT. WHEN THEY TORE THAT DOWN,
10 I RODE MY BIKE THROUGH THAT DIRT. I WATCHED THEM BUILD MARTIN
11 LUTHER KING HOSPITAL. BEING A CHRONIC ASTHMATIC AS A CHILD, I
12 GOT ONE OF MY FIRST EPHENEPHRINE SHOTS FROM A DOCTOR THAT'S
13 HERE TODAY, AND THAT'S DR. EXIMINE HABINE AND DR. E. SMITH.
14 THAT'S HOW FAR BACK I GO WITH THEM. WHEN I WAS JUST IN PEDES,
15 I WENT TO THE HOSPITAL SO LONG AND STAYED IN SO MANY OXYGEN
16 TENTS, THAT THEY FINALLY GAVE ME A JOB. [LIGHT LAUGHTER].

17

18 **RON ANTOINE:** I WAS THE YOUNGEST EMPLOYEE AT MARTIN LUTHER KING
19 HOSPITAL. I HAD DREAMS AND AMBITIONS OF BECOMING A RESPIRATORY
20 THERAPIST. I WORKED UP UNDER THE LATE LEONARD BUCKNER, CHIEF
21 LEONARD BUCKNER. I STAYED AT THE HOSPITAL FOR TWO-AND-A-HALF
22 YEARS, AND ONE MORE TIME POLITICS STEPPED IN AND KILLED THE
23 DREAM. THEY HAD A PROGRAM BACK THEN THAT SAID IF WE STAYED IN
24 SCHOOL AND WE GOT A "C" AVERAGE, THAT THEY WOULD PUT US IN
25 MEDICAL SCHOOL. WE WENT TO WORK ONE DAY, AFTER WORKING IN



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1 LABOR AND DELIVERY, AFTER SEEING SURGERIES, AFTER BEING IN THE
2 EMERGENCY ROOM, AFTER RESPONDING TO CODE BLUES, WE WENT TO
3 WORK ONE DAY AND THEY SAID, "TODAY IS YOUR LAST DAY BECAUSE
4 THE GOVERNMENT NEED MORE MONEY TO BUILD BOMBS."

5

6 **AUDIENCE:** [MIXED VOICES].

7

8 **RON ANTOINE:** I WAS MAKING \$284 EVERY TWO WEEKS. AND IN THE
9 EARLY '70S, THAT WAS A WHOLE LOT OF MONEY FOR A LITTLE KID,
10 BECAUSE I COULD BUY MY MOTHER GIFTS AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE.
11 I COULD MAINTAIN A CAR AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE. WHAT I'M
12 BUILDING UP TO IS, IS THAT FROM THAT MOMENT, I NEVER GOT A JOB
13 LIKE I HAD AT MARTIN LUTHER KING, AND I ENDED UP OUT THERE IN
14 THE STREETS. I'M ONE OF THEM, WHEN THE CRACK CAME OVER HERE
15 FROM COLOMBIA OR WHATEVER, I ENDED UP BEING ADDICTED TO CRACK
16 AND EVERYTHING, BUT YOU KNOW WHAT? KING WAS ALWAYS THERE FOR
17 ME. I STARTED GOING TO 12-STEP MEETINGS, AND I STILL ATTEND
18 12-STEP MEETINGS AT KING HOSPITAL, AND IT'S A WHOLE BUNCH OF
19 US THAT'S THERE EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT. MY OLDEST SON WAS BORN AT
20 KING, AND I WATCHED HIM COME OUT OF HIS MOTHER'S WOMB.
21 NOVEMBER THE 5TH, 1997, MY MOTHER DIED AT KING. I JUST SAT
22 HERE TODAY AND WATCH YOU-ALL GIVE A EAGLE SCOUT A PLAQUE, A
23 PRESENTATION FOR COLLECTING FLAGS WITH 48 STARS. WHERE ARE THE
24 PLAQUES FOR THE DOCTORS LIKE DR. EMININE HABINE. [
25 ENTHUSIASTIC CHEERS AND APPLAUSE] [GAVEL]



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL LET ME SAY THIS, I THINK THAT LET ME
3 TELL YOU IF YOU CALL ON THE DOCTORS HERE, AN AWFUL LOT OF THEM
4 HAVE RECEIVED A LOT OF PLAQUES. OKAY.

5

6 **RON ANTOINE:** BUT WHAT I'M SAYING IS, YOU GOT SUPPORT STAFF
7 THAT --

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, I KNOW THAT YOU AREN'T AWARE OF
10 THAT AND I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE MAKING A SPEECH, BUT THERE -- THE
11 DOCTORS --

12

13 **RON ANTOINE:** BUT I WANT TO FINISH WITH THIS, I'M GOING TO
14 FINISH WITH THIS, MS. BURKE.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY, OKAY.

17

18 **RON ANTOINE:** I'M GOING TO FINISH WITH THIS. JANUARY THE 1ST,
19 2003, MANY OF THESE NEWS REPORTERS, THEY WAS ON MY STREET
20 BECAUSE THEY WAS FILMING THE FIRST MURDER OF THE YEAR. I WAS
21 THERE. I'M THE ONE THAT CALLED 9-1-1. I SAW THAT PREGNANT LADY
22 THAT LAID THERE DEAD. BUT THEY COULDN'T SAVE HER, BUT THEY WAS
23 ABLE TO SAVE HER OLD MAN. THEY GOT HIM TO MARTIN LUTHER KING,
24 WHICH IS ONLY TWO MINUTES AWAY, ANY DIRECTION FROM OUR
25 NEIGHBORHOOD. IF YOU CLOSE DOWN THAT HOSPITAL AND YOU CONTINUE



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1 -- IF YOU CONTINUE TO GUT THAT HOSPITAL, IF MY DAUGHTER RIGHT
2 NOW -- I'M A SINGLE FATHER, IF MY DAUGHTER DRINK THE SAME TYPE
3 OF POISON THAT I DRANK, DO YOU KNOW I CANNOT EVEN GET HER TO
4 PEDES BECAUSE THEY CLOSE AT 9:00 O'CLOCK NOW? WE'RE GOT TO
5 STOP GUTTING THE HOSPITAL. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [
8 ENTHUSIASTIC CHEERS AND APPLAUSE] [GAVEL]

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE START, GO ON AND START, WE CAN'T
11 STOP, GO ON AND START TALKING. AND THE NEXT PERSON IS -- [
12 ENTHUSIASTIC CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** GERALDINE WASHINGTON, ARE YOU HERE, COME
15 FORWARD. THE NEXT PERSON AFTER THAT'S NEIL WILKERSON. NOW, I
16 CANNOT STOP BECAUSE EVERYONE'S SCREAMING. NOW, GERALDINE
17 WASHINGTON AND NEIL WILKERSON, PLEASE COME FORWARD, IF YOU'RE
18 HERE. PLEASE START.

19

20 **GLADYS RUSSELL:** MY NAME IS GLADYS RUSSELL, AND I LIVE IN THE
21 CITY OF COMPTON.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT IF THEY'RE NOT HERE, MISS MOBLEY,
24 WILL YOU START FORWARD?

25



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1 **GLADYS RUSSELL:** I LIVE IN THE CITY OF COMPTON. I'VE LIVED
2 THERE SINCE THE EARLY '50S. I INTEND TO STAY THERE. I'M AN OLD
3 LADY, AS YOU SEE, AND A GREAT, GREAT GRANDMOTHER. WHEN YOU
4 SPEAK ABOUT MARTIN LUTHER KING, IT BECOMES ALMOST AS A
5 NIGHTMARE, BECAUSE MARTIN LUTHER KING DIED AND THAT'S WHAT
6 THESE FOLKS BEEN DOING, THE BULLET THAT STRUCK HIM, THAT
7 HOSPITAL HAVE REMOVED A MANY A BULLET FROM SOMEBODY'S CHILD
8 SHOT IN THE STREETS OF L.A. COUNTY, OTHER CITIES, AND THEY
9 FLEW THEM IN TO MARTIN LUTHER KING. THEY CALLED -- THEY CALLED
10 -- SOMEONE PUT OUT PAPERS AND PASSED THEM AROUND THAT KILL A
11 KING, TO GIVE IT A BAD NAME, BUT MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS A
12 SAVIOR'S KING HOSPITAL. I CAN REMEMBER, I PICKED AN OLD MAN UP
13 OFF THE STREETS, WAS LIVING IN A CAR IN FRONT OF MY SISTER'S
14 HOME, HAD NOWHERE TO USE THE REST ROOM. I TOOK HIM IN, TOOK
15 CARE OF HIM, HALF OF HIS FACE WAS GONE, WITH JUST A BIG PATCH
16 OVER IT. I TOOK HIM TO MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL FOR MANY
17 OCCASIONS, AND THE OLD MAN WAS TAKEN CARE OF WITH THE BEST OF
18 CARE, BECAUSE WE HAD THE DOCTORS, WE HAD THE NURSES, WE HAD
19 THE TECHNICIANS, AND WE HAD EVERYTHING THAT WE NEEDED THERE,
20 AND THEY GAVE -- SURRENDERED A SERVICE THAT YOU COULD NOT PAY
21 FOR. I SPEAK OF KING BECAUSE I LOVE THE MAN WHO IT WAS NAMED
22 AFTER AND I LOVE MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL. I HAVE SEEN THIS
23 THING COMING NOT TODAY. WE WAS BACKING OFF WHEN WAS OUT
24 DEMONSTRATING. WE WAS PROMISED THAT NOTHING'S GOING TO HAPPEN.
25 IT IS HAPPENING, AND IT'S REAL, AND IT'S ALIVE. THAT ANY



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1 MINUTE YOU PUT -- YOU-ALL, THE BOARD, VOTED FOR A SUPERVISOR
2 TO BE OVER HEALTH AND WELFARE, BUT HE WAS NOT A GOOD ONE, AND
3 I DON'T KNOW HOW HE STAYED SO LONG. I SAID TO MRS. BURKE, WHO
4 IS MY AREA SUPERVISOR, I FEEL THAT THE YEARS THAT YOU'VE BEEN
5 IN THAT SEAT, I DON'T KNOW HOW OTHERS FEEL, BUT I DON'T FEEL
6 YOU DID JUSTICE FOR US. IN OUR COMMUNITY, IN OUR COMMUNITY, WE
7 HAVE CORRUPT GOVERNMENT, WE HAVE A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT
8 CHILDREN WAS NOT, AND THESE PROS THAT YOU GO AND GET FROM
9 OTHER AREAS THAT COME TO BE SPEAKERS HAVE NEVER CAME FORWARD
10 TO HELP US IN OUR NEEDS. I SIT HERE TODAY BEFORE YOU TO SAY
11 THAT IF YOU OR ANY OF YOUR COLLEAGUES OR YOUR FRIENDS, THAT WE
12 HAVE OUR REPRESENTATIVE IN WASHINGTON THAT IT WAS -- I WAS AT
13 A MEETING AT KING ON SATURDAY. COME TODAY, SHE'S TOO BUSY TO
14 GO BACK TO WASHINGTON AND SHOULD BE HERE SPEAKING FOR US, AND
15 I UNDERSTAND --

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SHE HAS -- WAIT A MINUTE. JUST A SECOND.
18 SHE HAS BEEN WORKING ON THIS. SHE HAS HELPED AND PROVIDED --

19

20 **GLADYS RUSSELL:** WELL --

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WAIT A MOMENT, YOU CAN TALK ABOUT ME, BUT I
23 WANT TO CLARIFY ONE THING, THAT SHE HAS ASSISTED AND THE OTHER
24 PEOPLE I THINK WILL SAY TO YOU THAT SHE ASSISTED WITH THE



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1 BUSES, WITH THE T-SHIRTS AND EVERYTHING ELSE AND SHE HAS BEEN
2 MEETING WITH ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

3

4 **GLADYS RUSSELL:** MRS. BURKE, IF YOU WOULD HAVE LET ME FINISH --

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

7

8 **GLADYS RUSSELL:** INSTEAD OF INTERRUPTING ME --

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, GO RIGHT AHEAD.

11

12 **GLADYS RUSSELL:** I WAS GOING TO SAY THE SAME THINGS THAT YOU
13 SAID.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. [MIXED VOICES].

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17 **GLADYS RUSSELL:** WHICH IS RUDE, I'M SPEAKING BECAUSE I'M IN THE
18 PRIME AREA. MANY NIGHTS I HAVE TO TAKE SOMEBODY TO MARTIN
19 LUTHER KING HOSPITAL OR SOME PROSTITUTE OFF THE STREET THAT'S
20 BEEN MISUSED AND ABUSED, AND I WILL TAKE THAT TO THOSE PEOPLE,
21 AND UNTIL A PERSON HAVE FINISHED, YOU SHOULD HEAR THEM OUT
22 BEFORE YOU ANSWER THEM.

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT I'M SORRY, OKAY.

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1 **GLADYS RUSSELL:** I SAY AGAIN, I DIDN'T COME TO ATTACK, BUT I'M
2 TELLING THE TRUTH. I FEEL THAT THE COMMUNITY NEEDS PEOPLE, AND
3 WHEN WE GO TO THE POLLS, I CAMPAIGNED FOR YOU, I HELPED YOU
4 WIN YOUR SEAT, AND I'M FROM 399 GLORY MARINEES' VERY CLOSE
5 RELATIVE WHO LOVE YOU, SO I'M NOT HERE TO MAKE YOU FEEL BAD OR
6 LOOK BAD, BUT I'M -- YOU MUST FACE THE FACTS. WE'RE SPEAKING
7 ABOUT A COMMUNITY THAT -- A HOSPITAL -- HARBOR CITY YOU SEND
8 OUR DOCTORS TO HARBOR CITY, THEY'RE SENDING OUR NURSES TO THE
9 VALLEY. IF YOU'RE GOING TO CUT ALL THESE THINGS, WHAT'S GOING
10 TO HAPPEN TO THE HEALTH OF THOSE PEOPLE THAT HAVE COME BEFORE
11 ME, NOT JUST ME FROM THE COMMUNITY, BUT THE DOCTORS, ALL THEIR
12 PROFESSIONALS, WHO'S CRYING OUT, PROBABLY COULDN'T GO
13 SOMEPLACE ELSE, BUT THEY KNOW THE NEED IN A DYING COMMUNITY,
14 AND IF YOU, AS A SUPERVISOR AND THE SUPERVISORS HERE WITH YOU
15 CAN'T SEE WITH YOUR EYES, THEN WE GO BACK TO 1865, 18 -- 1765,
16 AND NOW WE'RE 2003, THEN WE WILL GO BACK TO THE SHARE
17 CROPPERS, AND I DON'T PLAN TO GO BACK, BUT I WISH YOU LUCK AND
18 DO SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO TO SAVE MARTIN LUTHER KING. [
19 ENTHUSIASTIC CHEERS AND APPLAUSE] [GAVEL].

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. NEIL WILKERSON. ALL RIGHT, NEIL
22 WILKERSON. PLEASE SPEAK. AND THEN MRS. MOBLEY.

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24 **NELL WILKERSON:** GOOD MORNING MY NAME IS NELL WILKERSON.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NELL WILKERSON YEAH, UH-HUH.

2

3 **NELL WILKERSON:** NELL WILKERSON AND I'M A RESIDENT OF WATTS.

4 I'VE BEEN A RESIDENT FOR 23 YEARS. I'M HERE TODAY AND I'M

5 ESPECIALLY TALKING TO SUPERVISOR YVONNE BURKE AND THE BOARD,

6 AND PLEASE, SUPERVISOR YVONNE BURKE, HEAR ME, BECAUSE MOST OF

7 YOU LOOK AT THE WATTS COMMUNITY AS GANGS. MOST OF YOU LOOK AT

8 THE PROJECTS AS GANGS, BUT IT'S NOT. THERE ARE PLENTY GOOD

9 WORKING PEOPLE, MOTHERS THERE, GRANDMOTHERS THERE, WHICH WE

10 NEED MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL. LET ME SAY, SOME PEOPLE AND

11 SOME OF YOU LOOK AT US AS NO ONE IN WATTS, BUT WE'RE SOMEBODY,

12 AND LET ME EXPLAIN WHY WE'RE SOMEBODY, BECAUSE WHEN YOUR TIME

13 COME TO BE ELECTED, WHERE DO YOU GO TO GET THE MOST VOTES TO

14 GET THESE SEATS? WATTS. I KNOW, BECAUSE -- AND I'M NOT

15 ATTACKING YOU PERSON, BUT I WANT YOU TO FEEL, PUT YOURSELF TO

16 FEEL LIKE I FEEL WHEN I HEARD ABOUT CUTTING THE COSTS, AND

17 CUTTING AND CLOSING MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL. YOU KNOW,

18 I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT --

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO IT'S NOT BEING CLOSED, UH-UH, NO.

21

22 **NELL WILKERSON:** I THOUGHT ABOUT YOU. I SAID, "WELL I'M THE ONE

23 THAT WALKED HER THROUGH NICKERSON GORDON TO GET THE VOTES.'

24 YOU KNOW, I FEEL LIKE WE HELP POLITICIANS TO GET WHERE THEY

25 ARE, AND THEY'VE FORGOT US. THEY'RE FORGETTING OUR CHILDREN,



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1 THEY'RE PUTTING US OUTSIDE. YOU KNOW, YOU DON'T CARE NO MORE,
2 BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY, BECAUSE I'VE BEEN THERE. YOU'RE
3 SITTING UP HIGH ONE DAY. YOU DON'T KNOW YOUR FUTURE. SO FEEL
4 LIKE WE FEEL ABOUT THAT HOSPITAL UP THERE. THAT HOSPITAL, THE
5 DOCTORS, THE NURSES, THEY COME DOWN IN OUR COMMUNITIES WHERE
6 THE MOTHERS CAN AFFORD TO SEND THEIR KIDS TO CAMP, WHERE THE
7 MOTHERS -- AND I'M SAYING MOTHERS 'CAUSE THERE'S NOT VERY MANY
8 FATHERS THERE, THAT CAN AFFORD THE IMMUNIZATION SHOTS. WHERE
9 DO YOU THINK THEY COME FROM? THEY COME FROM MARTIN LUTHER
10 KING. THEY HAVE CAME DOWN AND HELPED THE COMMUNITIES -- HELP
11 OUR COMMUNITIES. WE DON'T KNOW WHERE ELSE TO TURN. SOME OF US
12 IS -- THAT IS THE ONLY HOSPITAL THAT WE KNOW OF BECAUSE OUR
13 BABIES WAS BORN THERE. SO I'M ASKING YOU TO GIVE US THE SAME
14 SUPPORT THAT WE GAVE SOME OF YOU ALL TO GET IN THESE SEATS
15 WHEN YOU NEEDED HELP. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MRS. MOBLEY. DID I -- WERE YOU
18 CALLED? ALL RIGHT. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

19

20 **REVEREND BAKER:** REVEREND BAKER, FROM THE HEALTH -- THE BLACK
21 HEALTH TASK FORCE.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU'RE TAKING --

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1 **MRS. MOBLEY:** NO, NO HE HAS A LETTER FROM REVEREND POPE THAT HE
2 NEED TO READ.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

5

6 **REVEREND BAKER:** YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THIS LETTER'S COMING
7 FROM PASTOR POPE, FIRST LOCATED IN WATTS, SOUTH CENTRAL L.A.
8 HE COULDN'T BE HERE, BUT HE WANTED TO EXPRESS HIS OUTRAGE AND
9 EXPRESS HIS THOUGHTS ON WHAT'S GOING ON. IT READS, "HONORABLE
10 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I HAVE HAD THE EXPERIENCE OF SEEING MANY
11 OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION AND THIS COMMUNITY,"
12 MEANING WATTS, "USE THE SERVICES OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING
13 HOSPITAL OVER THE PAST 28 YEARS. THE HOSPITAL HAS BEEN A
14 TREMENDOUS BLESSING TO ALL OF US,' MEANING THE CHURCHES IN
15 SOUTH CENTRAL L.A. WITH THE CLOSING OF THE HEALTH CARE
16 FACILITIES IN THE COMMUNITY IT IS MY OPINION THAT THE CAPACITY
17 OF THE KING HOSPITAL TO SERVE SHOULD BE EXPANDED INSTEAD OF
18 REDUCED. NO OTHER PROJECT OR PLAN CAN BE OF MORE IMPORTANCE TO
19 THIS COMMUNITY THAN THOSE WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO THE PHYSICAL AS
20 WELL AS THE SPIRITUAL HEALTH OF ITS PEOPLE. IT IS MY PLEAD
21 THAT YOU, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WILL FIND THEIR WAY TO
22 ASSURE THAT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL WILL CONTINUE TO
23 BE A PLACE, FIRST OF ALL, OF HOPE; SECOND, OF HELP, AND ALSO
24 OF HEALING, TWO, AND FOR THE PEOPLE OF THIS COMMUNITY.



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1 RESPECTFULLY YOURS, PASTOR REGINALD POPE.' THANK YOU VERY
2 MUCH.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MRS. MOBLEY.

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6 **MRS. MOBLEY:** FIRST, GIVING HONOR TO GOD. MY REASONS FOR BEING.

7 (VOICE WAVERING) I'M HERE TODAY WITH A HEAVY HEART. AND I

8 SPEAK IN BEHALF OF MOTHERS IN ACTION. GRANDMA'S HAND, AND THE

9 KING SISTERS. SOME OF MY MEMBERS ARE BACK THERE NOW: MRS.

10 EDITH ABRAM, MRS. NOLA CARTER, (VOICE WAVERING)

11

12 **MRS. MOBLEY:** BUT IT'S WITH GREAT HURT THAT WE HAVE TO COME

13 HERE BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TODAY, AND WE DON'T COME

14 ON BENDED KNEES TO THE SUPERVISORS; WE COME WITH OUR HEADS

15 HELD HIGH, SAYING THAT YOU HAVE CHANGED THE MISSION OF THE

16 HOSPITAL WITHOUT EVEN TALKING TO THE PEOPLE THERE. THE

17 STAKEHOLDERS IN THE COMMUNITY, ABOUT THE MISSION CHANGE. THE

18 MCCONE COMMISSION HAVE NEVER BEEN FULFILLED, AND ALL OF YOU

19 HAVE THE PACKAGE WITH THE INFORMATION IN IT. THAT HOSPITAL

20 THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A FULL-FLEDGED OPERATING HOSPITAL, A

21 TEACHING HOSPITAL, AND THE DREAMS HAVE NEVER BEEN REALIZED. I

22 PRIDE MYSELF IN BEING A MEMBER OF GRANDMA'S HANDS, WHERE WE

23 RISE EVERY MORNING, TOGETHER, THE BRICKS, THE MUDS, AND THE

24 STRAW, TO MAKE THE BRICKS, TO BUILD THE PATHWAY INTO THE

25 FUTURE. WE RISE EVERY MORNING TO MAKE THOSE BRICKS AND WE FEEL



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1 THAT WE HAVE A BRICK YARD FOR OUR UPCOMING GENERATION, BUT WE
2 CAN'T SIT BACK AND LET THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DESTROY ALL
3 THE REALITY THAT WE HAVE OF THE LOVE AND LEGACY IN OUR LIFE
4 FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, AND THAT'S WHAT'S HAPPENING. MR. GOTHWAY
5 CAME HERE FROM WASHINGTON, AND NONE OF YOU CAN SIT HERE AND
6 TELL THE TRUTH AND SAY THAT HE DID A GOOD JOB IN WASHINGTON AT
7 THE VETERANS AFFAIRS. COME HERE WITH HIS BOOTS ON, WADING IN
8 ELEPHANT MANURE UP TO HIS NECK, WITH HIS HELMET AND HANDED
9 FIVE BOARDS OF SUPERVISOR A LUMBERJACK SAW TO CUT US DOWN, TO
10 CUT THE HEART AND SOUL OUT OF HEALTHCARE, THE WHOLE SYSTEM. HE
11 HANDED YOU THREE PLANS. HE GAVE EVERYBODY A CHAIN SAW TO CUT
12 IT TO THE CORE. AND WHATEVER THOSE LITTLE TRACTORS THAT THEY
13 RIDE AROUND, THOSE LITTLE DEER THINGS, THEY HAVE DONE MORE
14 TIMES TO CUT IT TO THE QUICK. AND WE'RE SAYING WE CAN NO
15 LONGER SIT IDLLY BY AND LET THAT HAPPEN. MARTIN LUTHER KING
16 DREW IS A TEACHING HOSPITAL, AND THAT MEAN THAT WHEN YOU
17 CASCADE, AND EVERYBODY KNOW WHAT CASCADE MEAN, CASCADE MEANS
18 THAT YOU'RE DESTROYING THE WATERS RIPPLING DOWN, AND IT TAKES
19 EVERYTHING BY AND MUCK COME BACK GROW IN ITS PLACE. THEY HAND
20 YOU A PLAN THAT YOU KNOW WILL NEVER WORK, THE THREE SCENARIOS,
21 TO DESTROY A DREAM THAT'S NEVER BEEN REALIZED, AT MARTIN
22 LUTHER KING. MARTIN LUTHER KING, FROM DAY ONE, WHEN IT OPENED
23 UP, SUPERVISOR, YOU KNOW IT, AT 5:00 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING,
24 CATHY GREEN AND SOME OF THE REST OF US THAT WAS THERE BECAUSE
25 WE HAD TROUBLE ON THE DAY THAT IT OPENED. AT 5:00 O'CLOCK IN



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1 THE MORNING, YOU KNOW WE HAD TO BE UP ALL NIGHT, WE WAS THERE
2 WHEN THE DOOR WAS OPENED AT MARTIN LUTHER KING, AND WE'VE BEEN
3 STANDING IN THE DOOR EVER SINCE.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THERE'S NO QUESTION YOU'VE BEEN RIGHT
6 THERE.

7

8 **MRS. MOBLEY:** EVER SINCE, WE'VE BEEN STANDING THERE. IT WAS
9 NEVER MEANT TO WORK ON YOUR PART, BUT ON OUR PART, IT HAVE TO
10 WORK. WE CAN'T SIT BY AND GIVE UP OUR LIFE WORK AND OUR LIFE
11 DREAM TO THEM CUTTING MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL. WE CAN'T
12 AFFORD TO LET DOCTORS COME FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD AS YOU
13 CASCADE THROUGH AND TAKE THE REAL CORE OUT OF MARTIN LUTHER
14 KING. THESE DOCTORS IS TEACHING AND TRAINING, AND THEIR
15 PRACTICE HAS TO BE INTERRUPTED TO BRING SOMEBODY IN THAT DON'T
16 KNOW HOW TO SEW A BUTTON ON TO DO A OPERATION ON OUR PATIENTS.
17 [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **MRS. MOBLEY:** (VOICE WAVERING) THE WORK WE DO IN THIS COMMUNITY
20 IS REAL. AND WE DO IT WITH LOVE AND COMPASSION. WE DO IT
21 BECAUSE WE CARE. YOU CAN'T DESTROY MARTIN LUTHER KING BY
22 GUTTING IT AND THINK ANY OF THE HOSPITAL IS GOING TO SURVIVE
23 ANY WAY ELSE. WE'RE NOT GOING TO LET IT HAPPEN. I DON'T HAVE
24 TO REPEAT WHAT ELOQUENTLY DR. REVEREND LAWSON SHARED WITH YOU
25 AND EVERY OTHER SPEAKER, BUT WE WILL DO WHAT WE HAVE TO DO,



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1 AND WE'RE HERE TO SERVE NOTICE TODAY, WE CAN WORK WITH YOU
2 WITH A GOOD PLAN, OR WE CAN CAUSE ALL KIND OF INTERRUPTION,
3 AND WE DON'T WANT TO DO SO THAT. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE] [
4 GAVEL] .

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ERNIE SMITH PLEASE COME FORWARD.
7 [GAVEL]

8

9 **MRS. MOBLEY:** SUPERVISORS, SUPERVISORS, YOU KNOW I RESPECT YOU,
10 AND I FIGHT HARD TO RESPECT EVERY OTHER SUPERVISOR ON THIS
11 BOARD, BUT AT THIS OLD AGE, IT'S TOO MUCH TO SEE YOU RAVAGE
12 OUR DREAMS AND DESTROY THE REALITY OF WHAT WE WANT TO LEAVE
13 OUR CHILDREN AND OUR GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. WE CANNOT LET THAT
14 HAPPEN. WE DON'T INTEND TO EVER MAKE BRICKS WITH THAT STRAW.
15 WE HAVE NOT THAT INTENTION. OUR FAITH IN ALMIGHTY IS TOO
16 STRONG TO DO THAT, SO WE SERVE NOTICE TODAY THAT WE PLAN TO
17 WORK WITH YOU. LEAVE MARTIN LUTHER KING ALONE, STOP
18 MICROMANAGING IT FROM DOWNTOWN. I'M NOT GIVING YOU THE
19 STATISTICS, BUT MARTIN LUTHER KING HAS NEVER BEEN ABLE TO
20 STRAP THEIR BOOTS AND STAND ON THEIR FEET AND DO WHAT THEY
21 HAVE TO DO. THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO DO THAT, AND WE'RE
22 SAYING TO THEM, GIVE US THE CHANCE TO SHOW YOU WHAT WE CAN DO.
23 WE HAVE PROVED TO YOU THAT IT CAN BE DONE. WE WAS IN U.S. NEWS
24 A WORLD REPORT, HIGH RATINGS, AND WE FIGHT EVERY DAY TO



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1 MAINTAIN THAT HIGH RATING. SO HEAR WHAT WE SAY AND KNOW THAT
2 WE'RE NOT GOING HOME TO GO TO SLEEP.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. ALL RIGHT. [APPLAUSE]

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ERNIE SMITH, DR. ERNIE SMITH. [APPLAUSE]

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AS THE CONCLUDING SPEAKER. [CHEERS AND
9 APPLAUSE]

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DR. ERNIE SMITH? [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THIS WILL BE... [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. DR. SMITH IS THE CONCLUDING
16 SPEAKER. THE OTHER PEOPLE WHO WERE NOT PART OF HIS
17 PRESENTATION -- OR THIS PRESENTATION, WE WILL CALL AT THE END
18 OF PUBLIC COMMENT, BUT THIS IS THE -- WE WORKED THIS OUT TO
19 TAKE YOU OUT OF ORDER. YOU ARE THE CONCLUDING SPEAKER. ANYONE
20 WHO WANTS TO WAIT TO PUBLIC COMMENT AT THE END OF THE MEETING,
21 WE WILL CALL THEM UP. ALL RIGHT. DR. SMITH. AND IF THERE IS
22 SOMEONE YOU WANT TO INTRODUCE TO HAVE THEM STAND TO BE
23 RECOGNIZED THAT THEY'RE PRESENT, YOU CAN DO THAT AT THIS
24 POINT, TO JUST RECOGNIZE THEM HERE.

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1 **DR. ERNIE SMITH:** OKAY. LET ME GO WITH MY PLANNED PRESENTATION,
2 AND THEN I WILL GIVE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO THOSE --

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE A
5 REPRESENTATIVE FROM CONGRESSWOMAN MILLENDER -- JUANITA
6 MILLENDER-MCDONALD. WOULD YOU PLEASE STAND UP? WE WANT TO
7 RECOGNIZE THAT SHE'S HERE. WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE YOU. [
8 APPLAUSE]

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. DOCTOR SMITH? AND
11 THIS WILL CONCLUDE THE --

12

13 **DR. ERNIE SMITH:** MADAM PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD, SUPERVISOR
14 BURKE, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WHEN MARTIN LUTHER KING
15 HOSPITAL WAS BUILT, SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY
16 INSISTED THAT ITS MISSION ADDRESS THREE MAJOR CONCERNS: ONE,
17 THE LACK OF ADEQUATE HEALTH AND MEDICAL CARE; TWO, THE NEED OF
18 MORE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEIR CHILDREN IN THE
19 HEALTH AND MEDICAL PROFESSIONS; AND, THREE, TO ADDRESS THE
20 PROBLEM OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNBEARABLE LEVEL OF POVERTY IN THE
21 COMMUNITY. GARTHWAITE DECLARED A CHANGE IN THE MISSION OF
22 MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL WITHOUT DEFINING WHAT THAT CHANGE
23 WAS. WORSE, HE EMBARKED ON A CHANGE WITHOUT INVESTIGATING THE
24 ORIGINAL MISSION, WHAT THE ORIGINAL MISSION WAS, AND THERE WAS
25 NO BROAD-BASED CONSTITUENCY OR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT. NOW



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1 YOU'VE HEARD FROM SPEAKERS ON THE THREE ISSUES THAT WE HAVE
2 PRESENTED: THE HEALTH OF THE COMMUNITY, THE EDUCATION AND
3 HEALTH CAREERS, AND THE EMPLOYMENT AND ALLEVIATION OF POVERTY.
4 SO WHY ARE WE HERE? WE ARE HERE BECAUSE WE ARE OPPOSED TO THE
5 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' BIGOTED APPROVAL OF A MISSION CHANGE AND
6 DEVASTATING CUTS IN THE BUDGET OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY MARTIN
7 LUTHER KING CENTER. WE ARE HERE BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT PUBLIC
8 LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY COMPELS A BROAD-BASED COMMUNITY AND
9 CONSTITUENCY INVOLVEMENT WHEN A DECISION OF THIS MAGNITUDE IS
10 REACHED. WE ARE HERE BECAUSE THE BOARD HAS APPROVED THESE CUTS
11 DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE BOARD WAS INFORMED WHEN THESE CUTS
12 WERE PROPOSED, THAT THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICE, DR. THOMAS
13 GARTHWAITE, HAD REFUSED TO MEET AND CONFER WITH THE BLACK
14 COMMUNITY AND OTHER POOR COMMUNITY CONSTITUENTS WHO USE MARTIN
15 LUTHER KING HOSPITAL, AND HE IS NOT IN THE ROOM NOW, AND THE
16 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 46 IS ABOUT HIS ISSUE. SHOW YOU WHAT HE
17 CARES. [APPLAUSE].

18

19 **DR. ERNIE SMITH:** YOU CAN GET IT UNDER YOUR FINGERNAILS. [
20 LIGHT LAUGHTER]

21

22 **DR. ERNIE SMITH:** WE ARE HERE BECAUSE THE BOARDS -- WHEN THE
23 BOARD HIRED DR. GARTHWAITE, THEY HIRED AND DIRECTED HIM TO
24 COME UP WITH A PLAN, A PLAN TO ADDRESS A M HUNDRED MILLION-
25 DOLLAR SHORTFALL IN THE COUNTY D.H.S. BUDGET, RATHER THAN



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1 PRESENT A PLAN, DR. GARTHWAITE CAME TO THE BOARD AND ENGAGED
2 THE BOARD IN A GAME OF THREE-CARD MONTE. FOR THOSE OF YOU IN
3 THE AUDIENCE, AND THOSE AT HOME WATCHING ON TELEVISION, THREE
4 CARD MONTE IS A GAMBLING GAME IN WHICH THE DEALER SHOWS THREE
5 CARDS, SHUFFLES THEM, PLACES THEM FACE DOWN AND INVITES THE
6 SPECTATORS TO BET THAT THEY CAN IDENTIFY THE LOCATION OF A
7 PARTICULAR CARD. WE ARE HERE BECAUSE THERE'S EVIDENCE, AND IT
8 IS OUR CONCLUSION THAT THE ARRIVAL THAT THERE SHOULD BE A 16%
9 BUDGET CUT AT MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS BASED ON ERRONEOUS DATA
10 AND UNTESTED FORMULAS, AN EXAMPLE BEING PERSONNEL ON THE
11 BUDGET OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, WHO ARE STATIONED AT 313 NORTH
12 FIGUEROA, IN PARTICULAR, FIELDING AND HAUTEN, PERSONNEL
13 CHARGED TO THE BUDGET OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AT MARTIN LUTHER
14 KING, WHO ARE ASSIGNED NOT IN THAT DEPARTMENT TO DO ANY WORK,
15 BUT DOWN IN MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION AS BUT TWO EXAMPLES OF THIS
16 NONSENSE. NOW, WHAT DO WE WANT? TELL YOU WHY WE'RE HERE? WE
17 WANT THE MISSION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL CHANGED BACK
18 TO WHAT IT WAS WHEN MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS ORIGINALLY BUILT.
19 WE WANT AN END TO THE D.H.S. MICROMANAGEMENT OF MARTIN LUTHER
20 KING AND BLAMING THE MINIONS THEY SELECT TO RUN MARTIN LUTHER
21 KING WHILE THE INCOMPETENCE OF THE ADMINISTRATION AT 313 NORTH
22 FIGUEROA. [APPLAUSE]
23



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1 **DR. ERNIE SMITH:** WE NOT ONLY WANT THE KING DREW MEDICAL
2 CENTER'S BUDGET RESTORED, WE WANT A 300% AUGMENTATION IN THE
3 MARTIN LUTHER KING BUDGET. [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **DR. ERNIE SMITH:** WE WANT TO HAVE -- MARTIN LUTHER KING TO HAVE
6 THE AUTONOMY TO DO ITS OWN BILLING AND COLLECT ITS OWN
7 RECEIVABLES INDEPENDENT OF CONSOLIDATED BILLING AND THAT MOB
8 OF ENRON AND ARTHUR ANDERSEN OF BOOKKEEPERS OVER THERE. [
9 APPLAUSE]

10

11 **DR. ERNIE SMITH:** AND LASTLY, WE WANT THOMAS GARTHWAITE,
12 JONATHAN FIELDING, AND GARY WELLS, THE C.F.O. OF D.H.S., FIRED
13 IMMEDIATELY. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT CONCLUDES THE
16 PRESENTATION. WE WANT TO THANK EVERYONE --

17

18 **DR. ERNIE SMITH:** WE HAVE BROUGHT YOU SOME GAMBLING CHIPS, IF
19 YOU WANT TO GAMBLE. [LAUGHTER]

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY THANK YOU. I DON'T GAMBLE BUT THANK
22 YOU JUST THE SAME.

23

24 **DR. ERNIE SMITH:** SO THAT YOU CAN DO IT LEGITIMATELY RATHER
25 THAN A STREET HUSTLE AND THREE CARD MONTE.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT CONCLUDES --
3 WE'LL GO BACK TO THE REGULAR AGENDA.

4

5 **DR. ERNIE SMITH:** HERE'S SOME GAMBLING CHIPS SO YOU CAN GAMBLE
6 LEGITIMATELY.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL GO BACK TO THE
9 REGULAR AGENDA. THANK YOU. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SHE'LL TAKE -- PICK UP THE CHIPS. THANK YOU
12 VERY MUCH. WOULD WE ASK THAT YOU LEAVE QUIETLY. WE'VE HAD --
13 JUST A SECOND. [CHANTING] [GAVEL].

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO ASK THAT EVERYONE
16 LEAVE QUIETLY. WE'RE GOING ON WITH THE REST OF THE AGENDA. WE
17 WILL -- LET ME SAY ONE THING. WE WILL CONTINUE TO TRY TO
18 ADDRESS THE SERVICE ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN PRESENTED AND WE'LL
19 CONTINUE TO MEET WITH THE ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF OF MARTIN
20 LUTHER KING HOSPITAL TO TRY TO WORK OUT SERVICE CONCERNS.
21 THANK YOU. GO ON TO THE NEXT -- ALL RIGHT WE'LL GO BACK TO HIS
22 -- TO THE PUBLIC HEARINGS, I THINK WE GO TO PUBLIC HEARINGS AT
23 THIS POINT THEN WE DO THE SPECIALS, DON'T WE? WE WILL NOW
24 START THE PUBLIC HEARING. THIS IS A HEARING SESSION AND THEN
25 WE'LL COME BACK TO THE SPECIALS, UNLESS SOMEONE HAS A SPECIAL



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1 THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT. AND THERE'S PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN
2 WAITING. I'M GOING TO ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE LIVE QUIETLY IF
3 POSSIBLE.

4

5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON THE PUBLIC -- AM I ON? AM I ON? I
6 SHOULD GO WHEW. ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS -- ON ANY OF THE
7 ITEMS BETWEEN 1 AND 11, WILL ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY
8 PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN
9 (SPEAKERS SWORN).

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, PLEASE BE SEATED. OKAY. ITEM
12 NUMBER ONE. HEARING ON ANNEXATION OF TERRITORIES TO COUNTY
13 LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND TO COUNTY LIGHTING
14 DISTRICT L.L.A. 1 UNINCORPORATED ZONE, PETITION NUMBERS 92-602
15 AND 98-602 AND THE LEVYING AND END OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS WITH
16 ANNEXED TERRITORIES FOR STREET LIGHTING PURPOSES FOR FISCAL
17 YEAR 2004/ 2005 AND MADAM CHAIR WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS
18 FOR THIS ITEM.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE STAFF, PLEASE.

21

22 **BAHMAN HAJIALIAKBAR:** MY NAME IS BAHMAN HAJIALIAKBAR AND I'M
23 SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'M
24 FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION OF
25 TERRITORY TO LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY



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1 LIGHTING DISTRICT L.L.A. 1 AND THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION OF
2 ASSESSMENTS WITH RESPECT TO PETITION AREAS 92-602 AND 98-602,
3 LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED AZUSA AND WHITTIER AREA
4 RESPECTIVELY. NEITHER OF THE PETITION AREAS LIE WITHIN THE
5 BOUNDARIES OF ANY CITY, IN MY OPINION THE AREAS COVERED BY
6 THIS PETITION WILL BE BENEFITED BY THE ANNEXATION AND THE
7 SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED, AND THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT HAVE BEEN
8 SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO BENEFIT. IN THE EVENTS THERE ARE NO
9 MAJORITY PROTESTS IN EITHER OF THE PETITION AREAS WE ARE
10 RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION TO ANNEX
11 AND LEVY THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS.

12

13 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** MADAM CHAIR IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO TAKE
14 ANY TESTIMONY?

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE -- ARE
17 WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM? ALL RIGHT I MOVE THAT WE CLOSE
18 THE HEARING, TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL LATER IN THE MEETING FOR THE
19 TABULATION RESULTS BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND DECISION BY
20 THE BOARD, AND THAT'S SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM NUMBER TWO, HEARING ON ANNEXATION OF
23 TERRITORIES TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1616 B AND
24 COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT L.L.A. 1, PALMDALE ZONE B. AND THE
25 LEVYING OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS WITHIN ANNEXED TERRITORIES FOR



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1 STREET LIGHTING PURPOSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003/2004 AND WE HAVE
2 NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MADAM CHAIR.

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4 **BAHMAN HAJIALIAKBAR:** MY NAME IS BAHMAN HAJIALIAKBAR AND I'M
5 SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'M
6 FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION OF 10 AREAS
7 IDENTIFIED IN THE BOARD LETTER TO LIGHTING THIS MAINTENANCE
8 DISTRICT 1616 B AND LIGHTING AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT
9 L.L.A.1 PALMDALE ZONE B AND THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION OF
10 ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THOSE AREAS. THE AREAS LIE WITHIN THE CITY
11 OF PALMDALE AND THE CONSENT AND JURISDICTION OF THE CITY HAS
12 BEEN OBTAINED. IN MY OPINION THE INVOLVED ANNEXATION AREAS
13 WILL BE BENEFITED BY THE ANNEXATION AND THE SERVICE TO BE
14 PROVIDED AND THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN
15 PROPORTION TO BENEFIT. IN THE EVENTS THAT THERE ARE NO
16 MAJORITY PROTESTS IN ANY OF THE PETITION AREAS WE ARE
17 RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION TO ANNEX
18 AND LEVY THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY PEOPLE WHO WISH TO SPEAK ON
21 THIS ITEM? IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME -- COUNTY
22 COUNSEL?

23

24 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** MADAM CHAIR IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HAVE
25 YOUR BOARD CLOSE THE HEARING AND CONTINUE THE ITEM IN ONE WEEK



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1 SO THAT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS ELECTIONS CONSULTANT CAN
2 TABULATE THE BALLOTS.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT I MOVE THAT WE CLOSE THE HEARING
5 AND CONTINUE THE ITEM FOR ONE WEEK FOR THE TABULATION RESULTS
6 BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND DECISION BY THE BOARD, AND THAT'S
7 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE AND -- I'M SORRY, SECONDED BY
8 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, IT'S IN THE FIFTH DISTRICT. THAT'LL BE
9 CONTINUED TO NEXT WEEK.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM NUMBER THREE, HEARING ON LEVYING OF
12 ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR COUNTY. VALENCIA AREA WIDE L.L.A.
13 DISTRICT NUMBER 1 AND ZONES WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, L.A.A.
14 DISTRICTS NUMBER 2 AND 4 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003/2004, AND WE
15 HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MADAM CHAIR.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** STAFF PLEASE.

18

19 **RUTH ROESS:** MY NAME IS RUTH ROESS, AND I AM THE ADMINISTRATOR
20 OF SPECIAL DISTRICTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
21 RECREATION. I'M FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE LEVY
22 OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS WITHIN COUNTY VALENCIA AREA WIDE
23 DISTRICT, L.L.A. DISTRICT NUMBER 1 AND SPECIFIED ZONES WITHIN
24 LANDSCAPING L.L.A.S 2 AND 4 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003/2004. IN MY
25 OPINION ALL OF THE AREAS WITHIN L.L.A.S 1, 2 AND 4 WILL BE



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1 BENEFITED BY THE SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED. IN MY OPINION THE
2 PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO
3 BENEFIT. THERE ARE NO PROPOSED ASSESSMENT INCREASES THIS YEAR
4 BEYOND CONSUMER PRICE INDEX INCREASES IN SELECTED ZONES WHICH
5 ARE AUTHORIZED IN THE APPROVED ASSESSMENT FORMULAS FOR THESE
6 ZONES. WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT DUE TO A SURPLUS IN SOME OF
7 THE IMPROVEMENT FUNDS, A TOTAL OR PARTIAL CREDIT AGAINST THE
8 COMING YEAR'S ASSESSMENTS BE GRANTED FOR 17 ZONES WITHIN
9 L.L.A.S 1, 2 AND 4. ALL THE REMAINING ASSESSMENTS WILL REMAIN
10 AT THEIR CURRENT LEVELS. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO WRITTEN PROTESTS
11 TO THE LEVY OF THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR L.L.A.S 1, 2 AND 4.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. COUNTY COUNSEL?

14

15 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** IF THERE IS NO TESTIMONY THEN THIS MATTER DOES
16 NOT INVOLVE AN INCREASED ASSESSMENT SO THERE ARE NO BALLOTS.
17 THE MATTER IS BEFORE YOU AND YOUR BOARD WOULD BE FREE TO TAKE
18 ACTION.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT THEN I MOVE THAT WE CLOSE THE
21 HEARING AND THAT THIS ITEM IS HERE FOR A VOTE. IT'S MOVED BY
22 MOLINA, SECONDED BY KNABE, AND WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE ITEM IS
23 APPROVED.

24



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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM NUMBER 4, HEARING ON ADJUSTMENTS AND
2 ANNUAL FEES AND COST RECOVERY, HOURLY RATES FOR HAZARDOUS
3 WASTE GENERATORS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS HANDLERS PROGRAMS FOR
4 FISCAL YEAR 2003/2004. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTEST.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THERE'S NO WRITTEN PROTESTS. IS THERE
7 ANYONE WHO WISHES TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM? COUNTY COUNSEL?

8

9 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** MADAM CHAIR, THE MATTER IS BEFORE YOU, YOU CAN
10 APPROVE IT IF YOU DESIRE.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
13 KNABE, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** NUMBER 5, HEARING ON PROPOSED ADMISSION
16 FEE SCHEDULE AT THE MUSEUM OF ART, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003. WE
17 HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTEST.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MAY I ASK SOME QUESTIONS?

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHERE IS THE C.A.O.?

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HE HAS QUESTIONS OF THE C.A.O. MR JANSSEN?



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MAYBE THERE IS SOMEBODY HERE FROM THE
3 MUSEUMS ALSO WHO CAN ANSWER THE QUESTIONS. I THINK THERE ARE,
4 AT LEAST FROM THE ART MUSEUM, I KNOW I SAW SOMEBODY. ARE THE
5 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MUSEUMS HERE?

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE PROPOSAL TO INCREASE FEES FROM \$7 TO \$9
8 YOU'RE SAYING ARE NEEDED TO OFFSET THE INCREASING COSTS
9 ASSOCIATED WITH YOUR DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS. ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP
10 -- AND YOU ARE SPEAKING FOR BOTH MUSEUMS THEN?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** NO, I'M JUST SPEAKING FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
13 MUSEUM OF ART, GENERAL COUNSEL FAD STALVER. BUT THE NATURAL --
14 THE OTHER MUSEUM IS ALSO HERE, TOO.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY LET'S ASK, I MEAN BOTH MUSEUMS, HAVE THE
17 MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS INCREASED SUFFICIENTLY IN RECENT YEARS TO
18 JUSTIFY RAISING MEMBERSHIP FEES BY 15%?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** WELL IF YOU'RE SPEAKING WITH RESPECT TO THE LOS
21 ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART, MEMBERSHIPS AT THE -- ABOUT
22 70,000 AND THEY'RE HOLDING. WE ARE ALWAYS TRYING TO INCREASE
23 THOSE. OUR MEMBERSHIP FEE IS SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FROM OUR
24 ADMISSION FEE THOUGH, THE MEMBERSHIP PERTAINS TO THE MUSEUM



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1 ASSOCIATES, WHICH IS THE NONPROFIT THAT OPERATES THE MUSEUM ON
2 BEHALF OF THE COUNTY.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME THOSE FEES WERE
5 RAISED?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** THE MEMBERSHIP FEES? THOSE FEES ARE CURRENTLY AT OUR
8 BOTTOM LEVEL FOR 65. WE ARE LOOKING TO INCREASE THOSE NOW.
9 IT'S BEEN A NUMBER OF YEARS. WE'RE USING THAT AS AN
10 OPPORTUNITY TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO STEP TO THE FLOOR TO
11 SUPPORT MUSEUMS SO THEY CAN HELP US TO UNDERWRITE OUR OTHER
12 PROGRAMS SUCH AS OUR FREE ADMISSION FOR CHILDREN, OUR FREE
13 ADMISSION AFTER 5:00 FOR ALL, PEOPLE WHO WANT TO COME TO THE
14 MUSEUM AND ALSO OUR L.A.C.M.A. NEXT GEN. PROGRAM WHICH WE'RE
15 AGGRESSIVELY LAUNCHING TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF THE MEMBERS ARE OKAY WITH THE 15% INCREASE
18 IN MEMBERSHIP FEES, WHY WOULDN'T THE MUSEUM JUST INCREASE
19 MEMBERSHIP FEES TO OFFSET COSTS INSTEAD OF INCREASING
20 ADMISSION FEES?

21

22 **SPEAKER:** WELL WE ARE LOOKING TO INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP FEES
23 BUT WE CAN ONLY -- THERE'S A TOP END TO THAT AND WHAT WE ARE
24 CURRENTLY SEEING IN THE MARKET NOW IS THAT THOSE PEOPLE WHO
25 HAVE RENEWED MEMBERS AT SOME OF THE HIGHER LEVELS HAVE,



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1 BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMY, NOT COME IN AT THE SAME NUMBERS THAT
2 THEY HAVE IN THE PAST.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT ARE THE PEAK ATTENDANCE TIMES AT THE
5 MUSEUM?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** AT THE MUSEUM OF ART?

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** UH-HUH.

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11 **SPEAKER:** WELL THE MUSEUM USED TO OPEN AT 10:00 AND CLOSE AT
12 5:00. UNDER DR. ANDREA RICH'S LEADERSHIP, STARTING SEVEN YEARS
13 AGO, WE WANTED TO MAKE THE MUSEUM MORE ACCESSIBLE TO THE
14 PUBLIC SO WE SWITCHED OUR OPENING HOURS TO 12 O'CLOCK AND STAY
15 OPEN UNTIL 8:00 O'CLOCK NOW TO TRY TO MAKE US ACCESSIBLE TO
16 ANYBODY WHO WANTS TO ATTEND. THE PEAK HOURS REALLY FLUCTUATE.
17 WITH RESPECT TO OUR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING, THOSE ARE DURING
18 THE MORNINGS. ONE OF THE ADVANTAGES OF NOT OPENING TO THE
19 PUBLIC UNTIL 12 WAS WE WERE ABLE TO BRING MORE SCHOOL GROUPS
20 THROUGH THE MUSEUM FROM THE 9:00 TO 12 O'CLOCK HOURS. ONE OF
21 THE OTHER THING WE DID TO MAKE THE MUSEUM MORE ACCESSIBLE IS
22 OPEN IT ON MONDAYS, WHEREAS OTHER MUSEUMS, PARTICULARLY ON
23 EAST COAST AND THE FINE ARTS ARE CLOSED ON MONDAYS AND WE
24 FOUND THAT ONE OF OUR HIGHEST DAYS IS ON MONDAYS NOW. SO WE'RE
25 ACCESSIBLE TO FAMILIES ON VACATIONS.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO YOU'RE OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK?

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4 **SPEAKER:** WE ARE, WE'RE OPEN SIX DAYS A WEEK TO THE GENERAL
5 PUBLIC, WE ARE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAYS BUT EVEN ON THEN WE STILL
6 RUN SCHOOL PROGRAMS, SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND MAKE OURSELVES
7 ACCESSIBLE ON WEDNESDAYS.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MUCH OF A BENEFIT WOULD FREE ADMISSION
10 AFTER 5:00 PROVIDE THE COUNTY RESIDENTS VERSUS MAINTAINING THE
11 GENERAL ADMISSION FEE AT \$7?

12

13 **SPEAKER:** WELL WE THINK IT WILL ACTUALLY BE AN ENORMOUS
14 BENEFIT. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'VE FOUND IS THAT THE
15 WORKING MAN AND WOMAN AND FAMILY ARE SIMPLY NOT ABLE TO GET TO
16 THE MUSEUM BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 12:00 AND 5:00, SO BY OPENING
17 IT UP AFTER 5:00 FOR FREE, WE THINK THAT'LL HAVE A MAJOR
18 IMPACT AND OFFSET ANY IMPACT OF ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE DAILY
19 VISITOR, WHICH OFTEN IS THE OUT OF TOWN VISITOR OR PEOPLE
20 WHO'VE COME IN FOR JUST THE DAY.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY DID YOU DETERMINE TO INCREASE THE FEE BY
23 \$2 INSTEAD OF \$1.

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1 **SPEAKER:** WHEN WE DID A SURVEY OF FEES WITH RESPECT TO OTHER
2 FINE ARTS INSTITUTIONS, WHAT WE FOUND WAS THAT L.A.C.M.A. WAS
3 SIGNIFICANTLY UNDER MARKET. WE CURRENTLY ARE AT SEVEN LOOKING
4 TO GO TO NINE AND EVEN BY GOING TO NINE WE FIND THAT WE ARE ON
5 THE AVERAGE \$2 TO \$5 BELOW THE NATIONAL AVERAGE FOR FINE ARTS
6 MUSEUMS.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HAVE YOUR NUMBERS INCREASED THIS PAST
9 YEAR?

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11 **SPEAKER:** WELL, THIS PAST YEAR, AS I SAID, WE WERE AT ABOUT
12 70,000 MEMBERS. WE LOOK TO EXCEED THE 600,000 MARK FROM DAILY
13 VISITORS. WE HAVE JUST FINISHED WITH TWO VERY POPULAR
14 EXHIBITIONS AND ARE OPENING EXHIBITIONS FOR THIS NEXT FISCAL
15 YEAR OF MODGLIANI AND ALSO A SHOW WITH THE PUSHKIN STATE
16 MUSEUM, AND WE ARE HOPING TO HAVE EVEN BETTER NUMBERS THIS
17 NEXT YEAR.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FOR THE HISTORY MUSEUM, THERE WAS -- THE
20 ARTICLE IN THE L.A. TIMES, WHERE THEY WERE GOING TO BE LAYING
21 OFF SOME OF THE EMPLOYEES, ARE THESE FEE INCREASES NECESSARY
22 TO RETAIN THOSE EMPLOYEES?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** NO. WHEN WE MADE THE DECISION ABOUT HOW WE WOULD
25 BALANCE OUR BUDGET, WE BALANCED REDUCTION AND EXPENSES WITH



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1 INCREASES IN REVENUES. SO REVENUES THAT WE EXPECT FROM ALL
2 SOURCES WERE FACTORED IN.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THE INCREASE IN FEES WILL NOT RESTORE
5 THOSE POSITIONS?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** CORRECT.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WILL THE PROGRAMS OR HOURS BE REDUCED IF THE
10 FEES ARE NOT INCREASED?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** WE'RE COMMITTED TO THE PROGRAMS AND THE HOURS THAT
13 THE MUSEUM IS OPEN.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO IF YOU HAD AN \$8 FEE, YOU'D STILL BE ABLE
16 TO MAINTAIN THE PROGRAMS?

17

18 **SPEAKER:** WELL WE'D HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE WERE GOING TO
19 BALANCE THE BUDGET. BUT WE'VE BEEN VERY CAREFUL NOT TO DO
20 ANYTHING THAT WOULD CURTAIL PUBLIC PROGRAMMING IN ANY WAY.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT HAS THE MUSEUM DONE TO INCREASE
23 ATTENDANCE IN THE MUSEUM?

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1 **SPEAKER:** WELL I'M VERY HAPPY TO REPORT DRAMATICALLY INCREASED
2 ATTENDANCE AT THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM. THIS YEAR WE WILL
3 EXPERIENCE A MORE THAN 50% INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE, OVER
4 600,000 VISITORS TO THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM AND EXPOSITION
5 PARK ALONE, AND WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED THAT BY HAVING A SCHEDULE
6 OF GREAT EXHIBITS THAT ARE POPULAR WITH OUR CORE AUDIENCE,
7 WHICH IS FAMILIES. WE'VE HAD GREAT FAMILY PROGRAMS. WE'VE DONE
8 A LOT OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS, WHICH HAVE BEEN VERY
9 EFFECTIVE AND WE'VE ESTABLISHED A GUEST RELATIONS DEPARTMENT,
10 WHICH HAS JUST TREMENDOUSLY ENHANCED THE QUALITY OF THE GUEST
11 EXPERIENCE AT THE MUSEUM.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE BOARD LETTER STATED THAT THE INCREASE
14 WOULD BE ABLE TO DEFER ANY COSTS FOR ENHANCED EXHIBITIONS AND
15 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. WHAT ARE SOME OF THE SPECIFIC
16 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND EXHIBITIONS THAT YOU'LL BE OFFERING?

17

18 **SPEAKER:** WELL, WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS SAY -- WELL, WE'RE GOING
19 TO BE OFFERING A WONDERFUL EXHIBIT BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY ON
20 LOS ANGELES, AND BEFORE THAT, AN EXHIBIT ON GRANDES MAESTROS,
21 TREASURES OF MEXICAN FOLK ART, WHICH WILL FOLLOW MACHU PICHU
22 CURRENTLY BEING PRESENTED. WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS MAKE ALL
23 OF THESE EXHIBITIONS ACCESSIBLE FREE OF CHARGE TO SCHOOL
24 CHILDREN AND TO ADULTS ON SPECIAL FREE DAYS AT THE MUSEUM, ANY
25 INCREASE WOULD HELP US OFFSET THOSE COSTS.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT EXHIBITION'S GOING TO ON LOS ANGELES
3 COUNTY?

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5 **SPEAKER:** I'M SORRY?

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE EXHIBITION'S GOING TO BE ON LOS ANGELES
8 COUNTY?

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10 **SPEAKER:** IT'S GOING TO BE ALL OF LOS ANGELES, YES.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALL OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** YES, IT'S GOING TO BE CALLED L.A. LIGHT MOTION,
15 DREAMS.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND FOR WHAT PERIOD OF TIME?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** WELL WE'RE GOING BACK TO THE PERIOD WHEN THIS WHOLE
20 BASIN WAS UNDER WATER AND WE'LL COME UP TO THE PRESENT.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MY ONLY PROBLEM IS, YOU'RE ASKING FOR A \$6 TO
23 \$9 INCREASE. A \$3 INCREASE, AND L.A.C.M.A.'S ASKING FOR A \$2
24 INCREASE, FROM \$7 TO \$9, BUT PERSONALLY I JUST THINK THAT'S A
25 VERY BIG INCREASE, ESPECIALLY AT THIS TIME, WHEN WE HAVE -- I



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1 THINK WE HAD A 21,500 JOB LOSS IN THE MONTH OF MAY IN L.A.
2 COUNTY AND -- SO THAT'S WHERE I HAVE A PROBLEM. I CAN SEE THE
3 NEED FOR SOME TYPE OF INCREASE BUT I JUST -- I PERSONALLY
4 THINK THAT'S --.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME. COULD I RESPOND TO THAT? 46 WEEKS OF THE
7 YEAR WHEN WE HAVE SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS, OUR ENTRY -- OUR
8 ADMISSION FEE IS \$8. AND ONLY SIX WEEK OF THE YEAR, WHEN WE
9 HAVE NOT HAD A SPECIAL EXHIBITION WAS OUR ADMISSION FEE AT \$6.
10 FROM THIS POINT FORWARD, WE EXPECT TO HAVE A SPECIAL
11 EXHIBITION AT THE MUSEUM ALL THE TIME, SO THE FEE INCREASE
12 REALLY IS FROM \$8 TO \$9. AND FRANKLY, WE LOOKED AT KEEPING THE
13 FEE FLAT AND WE LOOKED AT OTHER ALTERNATIVES, LIKE CHARGING
14 EXTRA FOR SPECIAL EXHIBITS. AND WE FELT THAT THAT WAS NOT THE
15 RIGHT WAY TO GO FOR OUR AUDIENCE, WHICH IS A FAMILY AUDIENCE,
16 AND WE FELT THAT THAT WOULD REALLY DEPRIVE FAMILIES OF THE
17 SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS, WHICH ARE SO IMPORTANT IN INFORMAL
18 EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS. SO FOR US, REALLY, IT'S A
19 \$1 INCREASE IN FEE, FROM \$8 TO \$9.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** THE OTHER THING I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO POINT OUT
22 AT BOTH INSTITUTIONS, THAT THERE ARE A VAST ARRAY OF PROGRAMS,
23 WHETHER THEY ARE IN COOPERATION WITH THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OR
24 WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. AND SIMPLY THROUGH OUR VARIOUS FREE
25 DAYS, AFTER FIVE DAYS, OUR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING WHERE WE



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1 ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO ATTEND THE MUSEUM AND MAKE IT AS
2 ACCESSIBLE AS POSSIBLE. SO ACTUALLY THESE FEE INCREASES
3 ACTUALLY OPEN THE MUSEUM UP TO A BROADER AUDIENCE FOR US AND
4 WE'RE HOPING THAT THROUGH PROGRAMS LIKE OUR L.A.C.M.A. NEXT
5 GEN WHICH INVITES A CHILD TO JOIN AS A MEMBER AND BRING AN
6 ADULT FOR FREE, THAT WE WILL ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO INCREASE
7 ATTENDANCE AND INCREASE ACCESSIBILITY TO THE INSTITUTION.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I'D LIKE TO JUST SAY A WORD
10 ABOUT THAT, TOO. WE HAVE INCREASED OUR FREE SCHOOL TOURS AT
11 THE MUSEUM THIS YEAR BY 80%, FROM 107,000 CHILDREN LAST YEAR
12 TO 192,000 CHILDREN, WE'VE INCREASED SPECIAL PROGRAMS THAT ARE
13 FREE AND WE'VE INCREASED ATTENDANCE AT FREE TUESDAYS BY ALMOST
14 12%. SO WE ARE ALSO REALLY COMMITTED TO FINDING THE RIGHT
15 BALANCE BETWEEN ACCESS AND SOLVENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** ZEV?

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW DOES THE L.A.C.M.A., THE L.A. COUNTY
22 MUSEUM OF ART ADMISSION FEES COMPARE TO OTHER MUSEUMS AROUND
23 THE COUNTRY?

24



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1 **SPEAKER:** IF YOU LOOK AT THE PROPOSED FEE THAT WOULD MOVE IT UP
2 TO \$9, THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO FOR ADULTS IS CURRENTLY
3 \$6. STUDENTS AND SENIORS \$6 AND CHILDREN, \$6. SO WITH RESPECT
4 TO THE INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO, L.A.C.M.A. STAYS LOWER
5 PARTICULARLY WITH CHILDREN AND WITH THE GENERAL ADULT. THE
6 METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART IS ADULTS \$12, CHILDREN \$7, BOSTON
7 M.F.A. IS ADULTS \$15, SENIORS \$13, CHILDREN \$6.50. MUSEUM OF
8 MODERN ART IN NEW YORK IS \$12 FOR ADULTS, PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM
9 OF ART IS \$10 FOR ADULTS. THE ONLY MUSEUMS THAT WOULD STAY
10 LOWER WOULD BE THE HIGH MUSEUM IN ATLANTA, THE MUSEUM OF
11 TEMPORARY ART IN LOS ANGELES, WHICH ARE BOTH AT \$8, BUT THEN
12 EVEN HERE ON THE WEST COAST, THE SAN FRANCISCO MUSEUM OF
13 MODERN ART IS AT \$10. SO WE ARE SIGNIFICANTLY BELOW ALL OTHER
14 MAJOR CULTURAL FINE ARTS INSTITUTIONS IN THE COUNTRY.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THE SAME QUESTION FOR THE NATURAL
17 HISTORY MUSEUM, ARE YOU -- DO YOU HAVE A --.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** WE DO HAVE A COMPARISON. I'D LIKE TO GIVE YOU JUST
20 ONE EXAMPLE THAT HAS TOUCHED ME. WE RECENTLY CLOSED THE
21 CHOCOLATE EXHIBIT, WHICH IS A TRAVELING EXHIBITION THAT WAS
22 VERY WELL-RECEIVED AND WE CHARGED \$8 FOR CHOCOLATE. CHOCOLATE
23 IS NOW OPEN AT THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY IN NEW
24 YORK AND IT COSTS \$17 TO SEE IT. IT'S THE IMPACT OF HAVING A
25 SPECIAL SURCHARGE ON A TRAVELING EXHIBIT, AND THAT'S WHAT



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1 REALLY -- SO IF YOU COMPARE FEE SURVEYS. FOR EXAMPLE THE
2 DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURE AND SCIENCE IS \$9 FOR AN ADULT. THE
3 FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY IN CHICAGO IS \$10. THE
4 AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY IN NEW YORK IS \$12, THE
5 HUNTINGTON LIBRARY AND BOTANICAL GARDENS IS \$10, THE PETERSON
6 AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM IS \$10, THE AUTRY MUSEUM OF WESTERN HERITAGE
7 IS \$7.50, AND THE AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC IN LONG BEACH IS
8 \$18.75.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND YOUR PROPOSAL FOR THE NATURAL HISTORY
11 HERE WILL BE?

12

13 **SPEAKER:** \$9.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 9. OKAY. MR. CHAIRMAN, LET ME JUST SAY BOTH
16 OF MS. PIZONO AND DR. RICH, THE TWO DIRECTORS OF THE TWO
17 MUSEUMS IN QUESTION, I DON'T THINK WE COULD HAVE TWO FINER
18 CHIEF EXECUTIVES FOR THE TWO MUSEUMS THAN THESE TWO
19 INDIVIDUALS. ANDREA RICH HAS BEEN THERE A NUMBER OF YEARS NOW
20 AND HAS ATTEMPTED TO AND IS SUCCEEDING IN TURNING THAT --
21 RATCHETING UP THE MUSEUM'S LEVEL OF ENGAGEMENT IN THE
22 COMMUNITY. AND CLEARLY OF THE NEWS IN THE LAST WEEK OR TWO, ON
23 THE EXPANSION OF THE MUSEUM FRONT, IS HAVING GREAT SUCCESS. IN
24 THE SAME VEIN, MS. PIZANO, WHO'S BEEN -- WHAT IS IT NOW, A
25 LITTLE OVER A YEAR?



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2 **SPEAKER:** 18 MONTHS.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 18 MONTHS, IS DIRECTOR OF THE NATURAL
5 HISTORY MUSEUM, HAD A BIG CHALLENGE WHEN SHE CAME IN, AND HAS
6 TO TRY TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS THAT EXISTED BEFORE SHE GOT
7 THERE. MANAGEMENT EXPENDITURES, RECONCILING EXPENDITURES WITH
8 INCOME AND ESSENTIALLY RUNNING IT LIKE A BUSINESS INSTEAD OF
9 THE WAY IT HAD BEEN RUN. AND SHE'S MADE SOME VERY DIFFICULT
10 DECISIONS, SOME OF WHICH WERE MADE AND ANNOUNCED VERY
11 RECENTLY, AND I THINK THE RESPONSE FROM THIS BOARD IN THAT
12 KIND OF A SITUATION -- WE'RE NOT -- THE RESPONSE OUGHT TO BE A
13 VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN THEIR MANAGEMENT. THESE ARE NOT -- FIRST
14 OF ALL, THESE -- THEY AREN'T IN HERE EVERY YEAR ASKING FOR
15 RATE INCREASES.

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17 **SPEAKER:** THE LAST RATE INCREASE WE ASKED FOR WAS 5 YEARS AGO.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 5 YEARS AGO.

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21 **SPEAKER:** AND OURS WAS ALMOST TEN YEARS AGO, 1994.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL THAT'S, SO AVERAGING IT OUT OVER THAT
24 PERIOD OF TIME, THIS IS A VERY MODEST, MORE MODEST THAN IT
25 APPEARED. BUT YOU'RE NOT IN HERE EVERY YEAR ASKING FOR RATE --



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1 FOR ADMISSION FEE INCREASES. YOU HAVE SOME CHALLENGES TO MEET.
2 BOTH MUSEUMS ARE MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, ACCELERATED
3 SPEED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, AND I WOULD URGE THAT WE EXCEED
4 TO THEIR REQUEST. THEY ARE COMPETITIVE, MORE THAN COMPETITIVE
5 WITH ALMOST EVERY OTHER COMPARABLE MUSEUM IN BOTH OF THEIR
6 FIELDS IN THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING IN THIS CITY. AND I WOULD,
7 YOU KNOW, I APPRECIATE THE CONCERN BUT IN THE BROADER SCHEME
8 OF THINGS, YEAH THEY MAKE A DECISION NOT TO COME HERE EVERY
9 YEAR AND ASK FOR A COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT, AND THEY'VE COME
10 HERE WHEN THEY NEEDED IT AND I THINK CLEARLY THEY NEED IT. AND
11 WE KNOW IT. SO I WOULD ASK FOR AND I VOTE AND I WOULD MOVE THE
12 ITEM.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** IS THERE A SECOND? GET EVERYBODY'S ATTENTION HERE.
15 AND JANE WHILE I'M WAITING FOR EVERYONE'S ATTENTION, THE OTHER
16 QUESTION I HAVE IS AN EXAMPLE, DURING THE CHOCOLATE
17 EXHIBITION, WHAT WERE THE CHARGES? THE ONE INCREASE THAT SORT
18 OF CONCERNED ME WAS THE \$3.50 TO \$6.50 FOR SENIORS AND
19 CHILDREN. WHAT WAS THE INCREASE, I MEAN WHAT WAS THE CHARGE
20 DURING THE CHOCOLATE?

21

22 **SPEAKER:** IT WAS -- CHOCOLATE WAS FROM \$5.50 TO \$6.50 FOR
23 SENIORS. SO SENIORS WERE CHARGED \$6.50 AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC
24 WAS CHARGED \$8. CHILDREN ARE \$2, CHILDREN UNDER THREE ARE
25 FREE.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** SO IN OTHER WORDS IT --

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4 **SPEAKER:** OH I'M SORRY, THEY WERE CHARGED \$5.50, AND IT'S
5 PROPOSED FOR \$6.50, IT'S A DOLLAR INCREASE.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT'S THAT, IT SAYS \$3.50 TO \$6.50.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S BECAUSE THERE ARE SIX WEEKS IN THE YEAR IN THE
10 PAST WHEN WE HAVEN'T HAD A SPECIAL EXHIBITION BUT GOING
11 FORWARD WE WILL ALWAYS HAVE A SPECIAL EXHIBITION. SO IF THE
12 FEES REMAINED UNCHANGED, WE WOULD BE CHARGING \$5.50 FOR
13 SENIORS, NOT JUST 46 WEEKS A YEAR BUT ALL 52 WEEKS A YEAR.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** BECAUSE I NOTICE IN THE MUSEUM OF ARTS
16 RECOMMENDATION, SENIORS AND CHILDREN REMAIN THE SAME.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** YES, WITH RESPECT TO SENIORS AND STUDENTS, THEY STAY
19 AT \$5. BUT WE HAVE A SPECIAL EXHIBITION FEE. WE ARE NOT ASKING
20 FOR ANY INCREASES ON THAT.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** SEE SUPERVISOR KNABE, IT'S REALLY FOR US IT WAS A
23 FUNDAMENTAL CHOICE NOT TO PUT -- TO HAVE ONE ADMISSION FEE NO
24 MATTER WHAT PEOPLE WANTED TO SEE IN THE MUSEUM, SO THAT
25 SENIORS WHO WOULD COME WOULD PAY THE FEE, \$6.50, BUT THEY



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1 WOULD GET TO SEE MACHU PICHU OR GRANDOS MAESTROS OR THE L.A.
2 EXHIBIT FOR THE SAME -- THEY WOULDN'T HAVE TO PAY AN EXTRA
3 SURCHARGE, WHICH IS ANOTHER WAY OF CHARGING.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT WELL MY FEELING IS THAT WE HAVE
6 TO MAINTAIN THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILDREN TO COME TO THESE
7 MUSEUMS, AND THE ONLY WAY WE CAN DO THIS SOMETIMES IS IN ORDER
8 TO ADJUST THE FEES AS IT RELATES TO ADULTS. AND WE WANT TO
9 MAKE SURE THAT CHILDREN HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO COME. I KNOW
10 THAT WHEN I WAS GROWING UP, I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE I
11 ALWAYS LIVED IN THE COMMUNITY TO BE ABLE TO COME TO THOSE
12 MUSEUMS AND WE WANT TO MAINTAIN THAT, AND WE ALSO WANT TO KEEP
13 THEM OPEN. THESE ARE TOUGH DAYS. I WISH WE DIDN'T HAVE TO DO
14 ANYTHING BUT JUST LET EVERYTHING GO AS IT IS BUT IS THERE A
15 MOTION?

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I MOVE IT.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY. SECOND? BY MOLINA,
20 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. AND THERE'S TWO VOTES NO.
21 ANTONOVICH, WHO ADDED MORE TO THE BUDGET THAN ANYONE ELSE.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE YOU TO SHOW ME WHERE WE ADDED TO THE
24 BUDGET WHEN YOU GET A CHANCE, MRS. BURKE.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU'RE VOTING NO, NO YOU DIDN'T VOTE NO, IT
2 WAS ONLY ANTONOVICH IS VOTING NO. ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU VERY
3 MUCH.

4

5 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** I'M SORRY, MADAM CHAIR. YOU TECHNICALLY CALLED
6 ITEM 5, YOU HEARD TESTIMONY ON ITEM 5 AND 6, WAS THAT VOTE ON
7 BOTH ITEMS?

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE WILL -- THE MOTION -- DID YOU MAKE THE
10 MOTION ON 5 AND 6?

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MY MOTION WAS ON BOTH OF THEM.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY MOLINA ON 5 AND
15 6. AND THE RECORD WILL SHOW THAT ANTONOVICH VOTES 'NO' ON 5
16 AND 6.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. THE NEXT ITEM?

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM NUMBER 7, HEARING ON PROPOSED
23 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH PUBLISHED CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR
24 2003/2004, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THERE ARE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS. IS THERE
2 ANYONE WHO WISHES TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM? IF NOT, IS THERE --.

3

4 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** THE MATTER IS BEFORE YOU.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE MATTER IS BEFORE US, IS THERE A MOTION?

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** MOVE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVE THAT WE CLOSE THE PUBLIC -- IT'S BEEN
11 MOVED AND SECONDED THE HEARING BE -- MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED
12 BY ANTONOVICH THAT THE HEARING BE CLOSED AND IT'S MOVED BY
13 KNABE THAT THE MATTER BE APPROVED, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY
14 WITHOUT OBJECTION. ANY OBJECTION? SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM NUMBER 8, HEARING ON PROPOSED
17 APPLICATION OF SECTION 21107.5 OF THE CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE
18 WHICH WILL ALLOW THE ENFORCEMENT OF TRAFFIC REGULATIONS BY THE
19 CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL ON FALCON WAY IN THE UNINCORPORATED
20 LA BECK AREA. WE HAVE NO WRITTEN PROTESTS, MADAM CHAIR.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANYONE WHO WISHES TO SPEAK ON THIS
23 ITEM? IF NOT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH DO YOU MOVE TO CLOSE THE
24 HEARING? IT'S BEEN MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY



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1 YAROSLAVSKY THAT THE HEARING BE CLOSED. MOVED BY ANTONOVICH,
2 SECONDED BY MOLINA THAT THE ITEM BE APPROVED.

3

4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM NUMBER 9, HEARING TO PURCHASE 3.0
5 ACRES OF UNIMPROVED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE
6 UNINCORPORATED COLD CREEK AREA OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS
7 FROM THE MOUNTAINS RESTORATION TRUST. AND WE HAVE NO WRITTEN
8 PROTESTS MADAM CHAIR.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY THAT THE
11 HEARING BE CLOSED, SECONDED BY MOLINA AND THAT THE MATTER BE
12 APPROVED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ITEM NUMBER 10. HEARING ON PROPOSED
15 AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 22, PLANNING AND ZONING. TO ESTABLISH
16 AREAS, DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND CASE PROCESSING PROCEDURES
17 FOR SECOND UNITS ON LOTS WITH AN EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY
18 RESIDENCE. AND WE HAVE EIGHT WRITTEN PROTESTS, AND TWO IN
19 FAVOR, AND ONE CORRESPONDENCE UNDETERMINED.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW HAVE A STAFF PRESENTATION?

22

23 **RON HOFFMAN:** GOOD MORNING, OR GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBER OF THE
24 BOARD. I'M RON HOFFMAN FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL
25 PLANNING. THIS ORDINANCE COMES TO YOU AS A RESULT OF A RECENT



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1 CHANGE IN STATE LAW, WHICH MANDATES THAT THE CITIES AND
2 COUNTIES ALLOW SECOND UNITS ON PROPERTY WHERE THERE IS AN
3 EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSE AS A MINISTERIAL ACTION RATHER
4 THAN A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AS PREVIOUSLY ALLOWED. THE LAW
5 GIVES COUNTIES THREE OPTIONS, WE CAN ADOPT AN ORDINANCE, WE
6 CAN USE THE STATE STANDARDS OR WE COULD PROHIBIT SECOND UNITS
7 ENTIRELY. WE HAVE CHOSEN TO PROPOSE AN ORDINANCE TO THE BOARD.
8 THIS ORDINANCE WAS APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING
9 COMMISSION AFTER A HEARING ON APRIL 23RD AND APPROVED ON MAY
10 7TH BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION. THE PROPOSED
11 ORDINANCE IDENTIFIES SOME BROAD GEOGRAPHIC AREAS WHERE SECOND
12 UNITS WOULD BE PERMITTED AND ALSO ESTABLISHES SOME DEVELOPMENT
13 STANDARDS RELATING TO THEIR ESTABLISHMENT AND AUTHORIZES A
14 MODIFICATION PROCEDURE. THAT WOULD CONCLUDE THIS STAFF
15 PRESENTATION.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, SUPERVISOR KNABE HAS SOME
18 QUESTIONS, AND THEN WE WILL HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC ON THIS ITEM.
19 THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE INDICATED THEY WANT TO
20 BE HEARD. WE'LL LISTEN TO EVERYONE, AND THEN IT -- MY
21 UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THIS WILL BE CONTINUED FOR TWO MONTHS.
22 YES.

23



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH I GUESS I JUST HAVE SEVERAL QUESTIONS. THIS
2 ORDINANCE HAS NO MINIMUM SIZE. I MEAN SHOULDN'T THERE BE A
3 MINIMUM SIZE FOR A LOT BEFORE A SECOND UNIT CAN BE BUILT?

4

5 **RON HOFFMAN:** THE WAY THE ORDINANCE IS WRITTEN, SUPERVISOR, IS
6 THAT IT WOULD REQUIRE A LEGAL LOT, WHICH WOULD, GENERALLY
7 SPEAKING, BE A 5,000-SQUARE-FOOT LOT, HOWEVER YOUR POINT IS
8 WELL TAKEN AND THAT WE DO HAVE SOME AREAS IN THE COUNTY ARE
9 ANTIQUATED SUBDIVISION AREAS WHERE THERE ARE PARCELS LOTS OF -
10 - LOTS AND PARCELS OF LESS THAN 5,000 SQUARE FEET. THAT IS
11 CERTAINLY SOMETHING THAT CAN BE LOOKED INTO.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL I ALSO MEAN ABOUT A 1,200 SQUARE FOOT UNIT
14 MAY BE OKAY IN A HALF-ACRE PARCEL BUT IT'D BE PRETTY ROUGH ON
15 A 5,000 SQUARE FOOT LOT AS WELL.

16

17 **RON HOFFMAN:** IT WOULD, ACCEPT FOR THE FACT THAT THE VARIOUS
18 SETBACKS WOULD STILL HAVE TO BE MET WITHIN THAT LOT SO --.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** SO IT WOULD PROTECT THAT -- AT LEAST THAT PORTION?

21

22 **RON HOFFMAN:** YES SIR.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** WOULD THIS ORDINANCE ALLOW FOR GARAGE CONVERSIONS?

25



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1 **RON HOFFMAN:** IT WOULD, ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT THE OWNER OF
2 THE PROPERTY WOULD PROVIDE ALTERNATE PARKING FOR THE EXISTING
3 SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSE AND FOR THE PROPOSED NEW SECOND UNIT.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THIS ORDINANCE SAYS THAT THE LOT MUST TAKE
6 ACCESS OFF A STREET WITH AT LEAST A 50-FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY. IS
7 THAT TYPICAL OF A RESIDENTIAL AREA?

8

9 **RON HOFFMAN:** THE TYPICAL STREET WIDTH ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY WIDTH
10 IS PROBABLY NOWADAYS OUR CURRENT STANDARD IS ABOUT 60 FEET.
11 HOWEVER WE FELT THAT A 50-FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY WAS AN ADEQUATE
12 WIDTH TO ACCOMMODATE THE ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC AND PARKING THAT
13 MIGHT OCCUR ON SUCH A STREET AND THAT ANYTHING UNDER THAT
14 WOULD -- COULD CAUSE SOME POTENTIAL PROBLEMS.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** I KNOW THIS IS GOING TO COME BACK AND -- BUT I
17 REALLY WOULD LIKE YOU TO LOOK AT THESE POTENTIAL MINIMUMS AS
18 IT RELATES TO THAT PARTICULAR ISSUE WHEN YOU COME BACK WITH
19 IT. AND I'M -- THAT'S ENOUGH RIGHT NOW, WE'LL JUST TAKE THE
20 PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK A --

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ARE YOU LOOKING AT DEVELOPING A -- AN
2 ORDINANCE THAT WILL TAKE IN THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE RURAL
3 COMMUNITIES AND ANOTHER ORDINANCE THAT WILL TAKE INTO
4 CONSIDERATION THE URBAN COMMUNITIES OF THIS COUNTY OR ARE YOU
5 ONLY LOOKING AT ONE SIZE FITS ALL?

6

7 **RON HOFFMAN:** I THINK IF YOU HAD TO CHARACTERIZE THE PHILOSOPHY
8 OF THIS ORDINANCE, IT'S PRIMARILY COULD BE CONSIDERED AN URBAN
9 IN-FILL ORDINANCE TO THE EXTENT THAT THE GEOGRAPHIC
10 RESTRICTIONS THAT ARE PROPOSED WOULD PROHIBIT SECOND UNITS IN
11 A NUMBER OF RURAL AREAS. FOR EXAMPLE AREAS WITH NO SEWERS OR
12 PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS, AREAS OF HIGH SLOPES -- STEEP SLOPES,
13 AREAS OF HIGH FIRE HAZARD. THOSE AREAS WOULD BE PROHIBITED
14 FROM HAVING SECOND UNITS. THOSE AREAS TEND TO BE RURAL.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THERE SHOULD BE A SPECIFIC PROVISION THAT
17 RURAL AREAS WILL NOT COMPLY -- HAVE TO COMPLY OR TO COMPLY IN
18 RURAL AREAS YOU HAVE A DIFFERENT TYPE OF ORDINANCE. THE
19 PROBLEM IS WE MIX THE TWO WHEN THERE ARE TWO DISTINCT AREAS
20 AND WHEN SOMEBODY'S HAD A PLAN CHECK OR WHATEVER, THERE WOULD
21 BE A LOT OF MISINFORMATION, SO I THINK WE HAVE TO BE VERY
22 CLEAR AND DELINEATE THIS, IT'S GOING TO BE FOR URBAN AREAS OR
23 IT'S GOING TO BE FOR RURAL AREAS, BUT THERE'S GOT TO BE A
24 CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE TWO REGIONS BECAUSE OUR AREAS, YOU
25 KNOW, WE HAVE, YOU KNOW, PART OF OUR DISTRICT INCLUDES



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1 WRIGHTWOOD. PART OF OUR DISTRICT THE SCHOOLS CLOSE BECAUSE OF
2 SNOW IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THE HIGHWAYS ARE CLOSED BECAUSE OF
3 SNOWSTORMS, AND, YOU KNOW, EVERYBODY DOESN'T LIVE IN DOWNTOWN
4 LOS ANGELES PROPER. YOU KNOW, I MEAN, SO YOU HAVE TO TAKE IN
5 THEIR CONCERNS AND THESE ARE CONCERNS THAT THE RURAL AREAS
6 HAVE VOICED TO OUR OFFICE AS WELL.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ISN'T THIS A STATE LAW?

9

10 **RON HOFFMAN:** YES, MA'AM.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NOW ARE THERE ANY EXCEPTIONS FOR RURAL OR
13 URBAN, IS IT DISTINGUISHED BETWEEN RURAL AND URBAN IN THE
14 STATE LAW?

15

16 **RON HOFFMAN:** THE STATE LAW GIVES THE COUNTY THE ABILITY TO
17 DESIGNATE AREAS WHERE THE COUNTY FEELS THAT SECOND UNITS ARE
18 APPROPRIATE. AND THE STATE LAW GIVES AN EXAMPLE OF CRITERIA
19 THAT CAN BE USED. THINGS SUCH AS ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY OR THE
20 EXISTENCE OF SEWERS, A SEWER SYSTEM BUT THE COUNTY CAN USE
21 ADDITIONAL CRITERIA TO DEFINE AREAS WHERE THESE SECOND UNITS
22 MAY BE MORE APPROPRIATE THAN OTHER AREAS OF THE COUNTY.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YOU ARE LOOKING AT THE SIZE OF
25 THE LOT THOUGH, IN TERMS OF THAT?



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2 **RON HOFFMAN:** YES, WE WILL LOOK AT THAT, YES MA'AM.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO THAT SMALL LOTS, WHERE IT'S NOT GOING TO
5 BE APPROPRIATE, WE HAVE A LOT OF AREAS WHERE THERE IS A LOT OF
6 ILLEGAL BUILDING AND A LOT OF ILLEGAL UNITS. GARAGE
7 CONVERSIONS THAT HAVE HAD -- WE'VE HAD DEATHS, WE'VE HAD ALL
8 KINDS OF PROBLEMS, SO I HOPE THAT THOSE THINGS WILL BE LOOKED
9 AT.

10

11 **RON HOFFMAN:** WE CERTAINLY WILL AND RELATED TO THE LOT SIZE I
12 BELIEVE THINGS THAT WE CAN LOOK AT TO ADDRESS THAT ISSUE WOULD
13 BE SUCH THINGS -- SUCH STANDARDS AS LOT COVERAGE AND THE --
14 PERHAPS HAVING A VARIED SIZE OF A SECOND UNIT IN RELATIONSHIP
15 TO PERHAPS THE SIZE OF THE LOT ITSELF.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR
18 NAME.

19

20 **GINA FERNANDEZ:** MY NAME IS GINA FERNANDEZ. I HAVE A COUPLE
21 QUESTIONS REGARDING THE AMENDMENT. I'D LIKE TO QUESTION THE
22 LANGUAGE USED IN THE AMENDMENT, TO THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 22,
23 STARTING WITH THE PROPOSED DEFINING OF 'SECOND UNIT.' THE
24 STATE HAS DEFINED SECOND UNIT ONE WAY AND THIS PROPOSAL
25 DEFINES IT ANOTHER. SINCE THIS DEFINITION WILL BE ADDED TO THE



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1 CODE AND REFERRED TO THROUGHOUT THE NEW ORDINANCE IT IS
2 IMPORTANT THAT IT FOLLOWS THE STATE'S DEFINITION OF SECOND
3 UNIT. THE STATE'S DEFINITION OF SECOND UNIT STATE READS
4 'SECOND UNIT MEANS AN ATTACHED OR DETACHED RESIDENTIAL
5 DWELLING UNIT WHICH PROVIDES COMPLETE INDEPENDENT LIVING
6 FACILITIES FOR ONE OR MORE PERSONS. IT SHALL INCLUDE PERMANENT
7 PROVISIONS FOR LIVING, SLEEPING, EATING, COOKING AND
8 SANITATION ON THE SAME PARCEL AS THE SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING IS
9 SITUATED.' I WONDER IF IT WAS AN OVERSIGHT OF THE NEW PROPOSAL
10 THAT IT DID INCLUDE LOT SIZE IN ITS DEFINITION OF SECOND UNIT.
11 HERE'S HOW THIS ONE READS. 'SECOND UNIT MEANS A DWELLING UNIT
12 THAT IS CONSTRUCTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 222106 ON A LOT OR
13 PARCEL OF LAND HAVING LESS THAN TWICE THE REQUIRED AREA. AND
14 THAT IS EITHER ATTACHED TO OR LOCATED ON THE SAME LOT OR
15 PARCEL OF LAND AS THE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE.' INCLUDING THE
16 WORDS, 'ON A LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND HAVING LESS THAN TWICE THE
17 REQUIRED AREA' SOUNDS RESTRICTIVE AND LIMITING. OWNERS WITH
18 LARGER LOTS WOULD BE ELIMINATED FROM THE BENEFITS OF THE STATE
19 LAW AND MINISTERIAL PERMIT PROCESSES, THEY WOULD BE CONFINED
20 TO THE SAME EXCESSIVE AND RESTRICTIVE C.U.P. PROCESS OR LOTS
21 OF DIVISIONS AS THEY WERE IN THE PAST. HOMEOWNERS ARE NOT
22 INTERESTED IN THE TIME AND EXPENSE OF DIVIDING THEIR
23 PROPERTIES. THEY WANT HOMES FOR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS AT THE
24 TIMES WHEN THEY NEED THEM AND IN A WAY THAT EXPEDITES THAT
25 PROCESS. ALSO THE CURRENT CONTINUED USE PERMITS DO NOT



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1 SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS SECOND INDEPENDENT LIVING FACILITIES
2 BUILT SOLELY AS RESIDENTIAL UNITS. THE EXCEPTION MAY BE THE
3 SENIOR RESIDENCE PERMIT. BUT THESE PERMITS ARE COSTLY, THEY
4 REQUIRE MANY HEARINGS AND INVOLVE MORE HOURS OF RED TAPE. THEY
5 ARE RESTRICTIVE IN THEIR USE, MOSTLY BY REQUIRING A SENIOR
6 PERSON TO ALWAYS OCCUPY THEM, THEY REQUIRE AN AFFIDAVIT
7 LISTING THE SENIOR OF RECORD EVERY THREE YEARS, THE FEAR OF A
8 HOMEOWNER IS THAT IF ONE IS NOT PROVIDED, THE STRUCTURE WOULD
9 HAVE TO BE REMOVED OR MODIFIED, COSTING EVEN MORE IN THE
10 REMODELING OR RE-PERMITTING. ALSO SUCH A DEFINITION OF SECOND
11 UNIT SEEMS TO GO AGAINST THE STATE'S INTENTIONS WHICH SAID
12 IT'S THE INTENT OF LEGISLATURE THAT ANY SECOND UNIT ORDINANCE
13 ADOPTED BY LOCAL AGENCIES HAVE THE EFFECT OF PROVIDING FOR THE
14 CREATION OF SECOND UNITS AND THAT THE PROVISIONS IN THESE
15 ORDINANCES RELATING TO MATTERS INCLUDING SIZE, PARKING FEES
16 AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT SO ARBITRARY EXCESSIVE OR
17 BURDENSOME SO AS TO UNREASONABLY RESTRICT THE ABILITY OF THE
18 HOMEOWNERS TO CREATE SECOND UNITS IN ZONES WHICH THEY ARE
19 ALREADY AUTHORIZED BY LOCAL ORDINANCES TO DO. THIS NEW
20 DEFINITION ALSO SEEMS LIKE AN OVERSIGHT BECAUSE IT WOULD BE
21 THE ONLY DEFINITION OF A RESIDENCE IN A CODE TO INCLUDE ANY
22 REFERENCE TO SIZE -- TO LOT SIZE. THE DEFINITIONS OF SINGLE-
23 FAMILY, MULTI-FAMILY AND SENIOR RESIDENCES ONLY REFER TO THE
24 BUILDING AND THEIR OCCUPANTS. THE OTHER ISSUE I HAVE WITH THIS
25 PROPOSAL IS THAT NOT ONLY DOES IT EXCLUDE OWNERS OF LARGE LOTS



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1 THE BENEFIT OF THE STATE LAW BUT IT WILL EXCLUDE MANY OTHERS
2 AS WELL. LISTED IN THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS YOU'LL
3 FIND A HEIGHT LIMIT THAT READS ANY PORTION OF A SECOND UNIT
4 THAT IS LOCATED WITHIN THE REQUIRED REAR YARD SETBACK SHALL
5 HAVE A HEIGHT NOT TO EXCEED 17 FEET ABOVE GRADE ACCEPT FOR
6 CHIMNEYS AND ROOFTOP ANTENNAS. THE PROPOSED 17 FOOT HEIGHT
7 LIMIT FOR SECOND UNIT UNFAIRLY RESTRICTS ALL HOMEOWNERS,
8 ESPECIALLY THOSE OF SMALL LOTS, IT WILL KEEP THEM FROM
9 BUILDING OVER EXISTING STRUCTURES SUCH AS A GARAGE OR SOME
10 PART OF THEIR EXISTING ONE STORY RESIDENCE. THEY MAY MEET ALL
11 OTHER RESTRICTIONS AND CRITERIA BUT NOW GOING UP IS NO LONGER
12 AN OPTION. THIS TOO MAY BE ON OVERSIGHT BECAUSE I READ THAT
13 THE SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL HEIGHT LIMIT CURRENTLY IS 35
14 FEET. SO COMBINED WITH THE LOT SIZE ISSUE AND THE DEFINITION
15 OF SECOND UNIT AND THE HEIGHT RESTRICTION OF 17 FEET THIS
16 PROPOSAL WOULD SUCCESSFULLY ELIMINATE MANY HOMEOWNERS IN MANY
17 AREAS FROM QUALIFYING FOR THE MINISTERIAL PERMIT PROCESS THE
18 STATE LAW WAS TRYING TO IMPLEMENT. IF YOU KEEP THESE
19 RESTRICTIONS THIS PROPOSAL WILL DO LITTLE TO PROVIDE MORE
20 AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR MY FAMILY MEMBERS, OR STUDENTS OR
21 CAREGIVERS. TO CORRECT THIS THE NEW DEFINITION OF SECOND UNIT
22 COULD BE CHANGED AND CONSIDERED A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNIT AS
23 DEFINED BY THE STATE LAW. IT SHOULD FOLLOW CURRENT ZONING
24 CODES AND REGULATIONS THAT ARE ALREADY SET IN PLACE FOR OTHER
25 STRUCTURES SUPPORTED BY LOCAL ORDINANCES. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

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4 **SUZANNE FERNANDEZ:** MY NAME IS SUZANNE FERNANDEZ, AND I WANT TO
5 THANK YOU FOR LETTING US TALK TO YOU TODAY. AND I WANT TO ALSO
6 TALK ABOUT WHAT MY DAUGHTER-IN-LAW WAS TALKING ABOUT, WHICH IS
7 THE RESTRICTION ON THE LOT SIZE. I THINK I'M ONE OF THE PEOPLE
8 THAT THE STATE HAD IN MIND WHEN THEY SET THIS REGULATION IN
9 PROCESS. I'M A RETIRED SENIOR, A WIDOW AND I WOULD LIKE TO
10 BUILD A SMALL HOUSE ON THE BACK OF MY SON'S PROPERTY. WE WERE
11 LOOKING INTO GRANNY FLATS AND DISCOVERED THAT THE GRANNY FLAT
12 PROCESS IS DIFFICULT, EXPENSIVE. YOU HAVE TO PETITION ALL YOUR
13 NEIGHBORS AND YOU HAVE TO GO THROUGH HEARINGS AND YOU HAVE TO
14 PAY A LOT OF MONEY. WHEREAS THIS NEW PROCESS WOULD MAKE IT A
15 LOT EASIER TO DO THAT. BY RESTRICTING THE SIZE OF THE LOT TO
16 LARGER -- FROM THE LARGER LOTS, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT YOU'RE
17 KEEPING PEOPLE WITH LARGER LOTS, WHO ARE THE ONES THAT COULD
18 MOST USE THEIR LAND AREA, FROM PUTTING UP A HOUSE FOR THEIR
19 FAMILY MEMBERS. ADDITIONALLY THE HEIGHT RESTRICTION, IF LEFT
20 INTACT, ELIMINATES A SECOND UNIT OVER A GARAGE. AND SO YOU'RE
21 REALLY KIND OF ELIMINATING A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO
22 BUILD A SECOND UNIT FOR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, FROM EITHER IF
23 THEY'VE GOT A SMALL LOT, THEY CAN'T GO UP. IF THEY'VE GOT A
24 LARGE LOT THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE WHOLE PROCESS OF THE
25 C.U.P. A 1,200 SQUARE FOOT HOUSE, WHETHER IT'S A GRANNY FLAT



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1 OR A SECOND UNIT IS THE SAME HOUSE. IT'S THE SAME STRUCTURE.
2 SO BY REDEFINING A SECOND UNIT BY LOT SIZE, YOU'VE CHANGED
3 EVERYTHING AND THE END RESULT WILL BE THE SAME. YOU'RE PUTTING
4 THE HOMEOWNER THROUGH A LONGER, MORE EXPENSIVE PROCESS AND
5 YOU'RE COMING UP WITH THE SAME RESULT, A 1,200 SQUARE FOOT
6 HOUSE. ALSO IN A GRANNY FLAT, IF I BUILD A HOUSE ON THE BACK
7 OF MY SON'S PROPERTY FOR ME TO LIVE IN AND THEN I GET SICK AND
8 HAVE TO GO INTO A HOSPITAL OR IF I DIE, MY FAMILY'S LEFT WITH
9 A HOUSE THAT THEY CAN'T USE EXCEPT TO RENT TO A 62-YEAR-OLD
10 PERSON OR MORE AND THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH PROCESSES TO DO
11 THAT. IT DECREASED THEIR PROPERTY AND WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS
12 HELP THEM INCREASE THEIR PROPERTY. SO I SUGGEST THAT THE
13 ORDINANCE AS IT STANDS GUTS THE STATE LAW. IT DISCRIMINATES
14 AGAINST OWNERS OF LARGE LOTS BY REDEFINING THE DEFINITION OF A
15 SECOND UNIT AND DISCRIMINATES AGAINST OWNERS OF SMALL LOTS BY
16 THE LIMITATION OF THE HEIGHT. AND ALL OF THOSE PEOPLE CAN'T
17 USE THE MINISTERIAL PROCESS TO GET WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE, WHICH
18 IS JUST A SMALL HOUSE TO LIVE IN. I WOULD HOPE THAT THE
19 LANGUAGE COULD BE AMENDED AND A MORE INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE BE
20 SUBSTITUTED. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. I'D ALSO REMIND YOU IF YOU HAVE COPIES
23 OF YOU'RE WRITTEN TESTIMONY YOU CAN SUBMIT THAT AS WELL AND SO
24 WHEN IT COMES BACK THEY CAN TAKE THAT UNDER -- YOUR THOUGHTS
25 AND IDEAS UNDER CONSIDERATION.



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2 **SUZANNE FERNANDEZ:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU CAN GIVE THEM TO THE CLERK. YES MA'AM.

5

6 **SUE COAD:** YES MY NAME IS SUE COAD, GREENWOOD HOMEOWNERS
7 ASSOCIATION, THE PASADENA COUNTY ISLAND LOCATED BETWEEN THE
8 CITIES OF SAN MARINO AND PASADENA. REGARDING SECOND HOUSES AND
9 PARKING SPACE. FOR OUR PROTECTION WE NEED REGULATIONS BANNING
10 OVERNIGHT STREET PARKING. WHEN A SECOND HOUSE IS PERMITTED,
11 WILL THE PROPERTY OWNER BE REQUIRED TO PARK IN THEIR GARAGE TO
12 ALLOW INGRESS AND EGRESS FOR THE REAR HOUSE, OR WILL HE BE
13 PERMITTED TO PARK ON THE STREET? A ONE-CAR PARKING SPACE FOR
14 THE SECOND HOUSE IS NOT ENOUGH. IF THE SECOND HOUSE WERE 600
15 SQUARE FEET AND A COUPLE RENTS IT, WHERE DO THEY PARK THEIR
16 SECOND CAR? ON THE STREET. IN ALL PROBABILITY EACH PROPERTY
17 WITH A SECOND HOUSE WILL NEED SPACE FOR A MINIMUM OF FOUR
18 CARS. IF THE PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE CHILDREN AND THEY HAVE CARS,
19 SIX OR SEVEN PARKING SPACES MAY BE NEEDED. THEY WILL SURELY
20 USE THE STREETS AND IT'S NOT UNCOMMON FOR THEM TO USE FRONT
21 LAWNS. DENSITY CREATES PROBLEMS WE SHOULD NOT BE FORCED TO
22 LIVE WITH. WHY IS THE EXISTING COUNTY ORDINANCE BANNING
23 OVERNIGHT STREET PARKING NOT UTILIZED? ALL PROPERTIES HAVE
24 GARAGES AND DRIVEWAYS. SURELY THERE MUST BE A REASON WHY MOST
25 IF NOT ALL CITIES UTILIZE A PARKING ORDINANCE. AND ONE REASON



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1 COMES TO MIND. IT DETERS CRIME. SINCE DENSITY AND CRIME SEEM
2 TO GO HAND IN HAND, BANNING OVERNIGHT STREET PARKING MAY ALSO
3 HELP TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WILLING TO LIVE TOGETHER
4 IN THE 1,200 SQUARE FEET THAT THE AMENDMENT PROPOSES. LAST BUT
5 CERTAINLY NOT LEAST WITH REGARD TO THE HOMEOWNERS WHO MAY WANT
6 TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE ZONING AMENDMENTS. THEY SHOULD NOT BE
7 PERMITTED TO IMPOSE UPON THEIR NEIGHBORS AND USE THE PUBLIC
8 STREET OVERNIGHT AS THEIR PRIVATE PARKING, TO BE ABLE TO
9 PROVIDE SPACE FOR THEIRS AND THEIR TENANTS CARS. THIS WILL
10 SURELY HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON PROPERTY VALUES. HELP US
11 PROTECT OUR NEIGHBORHOODS WITH A PARKING ORDINANCE.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GOOD TO SEE YOU, SUE.

14

15 **SUE COAD:** GOOD TO SEE YOU, MIKE.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE CAN WORK ON THAT ORDINANCE BECAUSE IT'S ON
20 THE BOOKS AND JENNIFER WILL HELP YOU.

21

22 **SUE COAD:** YOU'VE RECEIVED MY TWO LETTERS?

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY GOOD.

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1 **SUE COAD:** THE 66 --.

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JENNIFER WILL HELP US -- HELP YOU WITH THAT
4 BECAUSE WE HAVE THE ORDINANCE ON THE PARKING THAT CAN BE
5 IMPLEMENTED.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. DID TERRY VALENTE -- WAS TERRY
8 VALENTE CALLED? CHARLES BLACKMON JR. AND CHRISTINE FLEEKES.

9

10 **TERRY VALENTE:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS TERRY
11 VALENTE. I'VE BEEN A RESIDENT OF TOPANGA IN THE MALIBU AREA
12 SINCE '68 AND I'M ALSO AN INDEPENDENT PERMIT COORDINATOR. I'M
13 SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF THE COUNTY'S PROPOSED SECOND DWELLING
14 UNIT. IT WILL PROVIDE FINANCIAL RELIEF AS LOW-COST HOUSING AT
15 LEAST FOR A FEW AREAS IN THE L.A. COUNTY. AS WRITTEN THE
16 ORDINANCE DOES NOT ALLOW THESE UNITS IN BRUSH AREAS, IN AREAS
17 WITH SEPTIC SYSTEMS, IN AREAS WITH 25% SLOPES AND IN AREAS
18 WHICH ARE SENSITIVE IN NATURE, PERIOD. THIS COULD ENCOMPASS
19 HALF OF THE COUNTY AREA. THE CALIFORNIA CODE STATES THAT EVERY
20 LOCAL AGENCY SHALL GRANT A PERMIT IF THE SECOND DWELLING UNIT
21 COMPLIES WITH ALL OF THE ITEMS LISTED IN THE STATE CODE A
22 THROUGH I. THE COUNTY'S RESTRICTIONS GO FAR BEYOND THESE ITEMS
23 LISTED. IT PREVENTS LOW-COST HOUSING FOR STUDENTS, FOR THE
24 ELDERLY, THE DISABLED, THE PARENTS TRYING TO SUPPORT A FIVE-TO
25 SIX-YEAR COLLEGE EDUCATION FOR THEIR TWO TO THREE CHILDREN AT



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1 A COST OF \$15,000 A YEAR AND ALSO PREVENTS THOSE WANTING TO
2 LIVE IN A BEAUTIFUL AREA AND JUST NEVER COULD AFFORD IT. THE
3 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IS THE BUILDING PERMITTING
4 AGENCY. AND IT ALREADY HAS PROCEDURES IN PLACE WHICH ASSURE
5 THAT THE CONCERNS FOR IN THE BRUSH AREAS, IF YOU'RE ON SEPTIC
6 OR WELL OR IN SENSITIVE AREAS, WILL EITHER COMPLY WITH THE
7 MINIMUM STANDARDS OR YOU WILL NOT OBTAIN APPROVAL FOR A
8 BUILDING PERMIT. AND TRUST ME, THEY WILL NOT ISSUE THAT PERMIT
9 IF YOU DON'T COMPLY WITH ALL THE AGENCY APPROVALS. ALSO THE
10 PLANNING DEPARTMENT ALREADY HAS RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE TO
11 PROTECT SENSITIVE AREAS. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT AGENCY APPROVALS
12 ARE NOT REQUIRED PRIOR TO THE SUBMITTAL TO PLANNING. JUST
13 OBTAINING A HEALTH APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO PLANNING FOR EXPANDED
14 SEPTIC COULD COST \$10,000, WHEREAS THE SUBMITTAL TO PLANNING
15 IS \$500 TO \$700 IF APPROVED. AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION
16 HEARING ON APRIL 24TH A REPRESENTATIVE OF PLANNING URGED
17 APPROVAL OF THE ORDINANCE AS WRITTEN AND RECOMMENDED THAT
18 AFTER A YEAR THE FLAWS COULD BE WORKED OUT AND THE ORDINANCE
19 REVISED. THE OAK TREE ORDINANCE IN THE TOPANGA COMMUNITY
20 STANDARDS ORDINANCE HAVE HAD A FEW MINOR FLAWS, HAVING A GREAT
21 IMPACT ON THE PERMITEE. THE STAFF AND COUNTY COUNCIL KNOW THIS
22 AND TO NO AVAIL HAS ANY EFFORT EVER BEEN MADE TO CORRECT THE
23 FLAWS, DUTY OF WORKLOAD, FUNDING, STAFFING, ETCETERA. SO IF
24 THIS ORDINANCE IS APPROVED AS IT IS SO SHALL IT REMAIN.
25 THEREFORE I CANNOT STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ORDINANCE



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1 PASSING WITH THESE FOLLOWING REVISIONS. DELETE SECTION TWO AND
2 SECTION FIVE. DELETE B 1 AND 2, DELETE D 1 THROUGH 6. DELETE E
3 6, 7, 10 AND 14. DELETE F. IN SECTION 7 ALLOW TANDEM PARKING.
4 I SINCERELY APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND YOUR CONSIDERATION,
5 ESPECIALLY WITH THE CRUCIAL BUDGET ISSUES YOU HAVE AT HAND.
6 THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DALANA RAMOS AND JAIME SCHE.

9

10 **JAIME SCHE:** MY NAME IS JAIME SCHE AND I GUESS I'LL GO SINCE
11 THE OTHER HASN'T COME. MADAM CHAIRPERSON, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF
12 THE BOARD, THERE ARE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THIS PROPOSED
13 ORDINANCE THAT IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS UPON SECOND UNITS WHICH
14 OVERSTEP THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO LOCAL AGENCIES BY CALIFORNIA
15 STATE LAW. THESE RESTRICTIONS PLACE UNFAIR BURDENS UPON
16 LANDOWNERS AND THEIR PROPERTY USE RIGHTS. BECAUSE THE
17 ORDINANCE DOES INCLUDE THE PROPER RESTRICTIONS ELSEWHERE, THE
18 UNLAWFUL PROVISIONS ARE UNNECESSARY. SOME OF THEM JUST MAKE NO
19 SENSE WHATSOEVER. CONFLICTS BETWEEN THIS ORDINANCE AND STATE
20 LAW WILL MAKE ZONING ENFORCEMENT PROBLEMATIC AND IT WILL LEAD
21 TO COSTLY LITIGATION WITH LANDOWNERS AND DEVELOPERS WHO ARE
22 ACTING IN FULL ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR RIGHTS UNDER CALIFORNIA
23 STATE LAW. CITIES ALL OVER THE COUNTY HAVE ALREADY DETERMINED
24 THAT THE STATE LAW RESTRICTS THEIR ABILITY TO ADOPT CRITERIA
25 SUCH ARE FOUND IN THIS ORDINANCE AND THEY ARE AMENDING THEIR



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1 CODES TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW. COUNTY COUNSEL CAN AFFIRM THAT
2 THE STATE LAW WILL TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER ANY COUNTY ORDINANCE.
3 THE ONLY QUESTION UP FOR ARGUMENT WILL BE THE INTERPRETATION
4 OF THE STATE STATUTE. THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE MUST BE REVISED
5 AND AMENDED TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES BEFORE IMPLEMENTATION OR
6 WILL FACE COSTLY LAWSUITS. THE SPECIFIC SECTIONS OF THE
7 PROPOSED ORDINANCE THAT MUST BE ELIMINATED YOU COMPLY WITH
8 STATE LAW HAVE BEEN PRESENTED ALREADY BUT I MUST AGREE THE
9 DEFINITION OF THE STATE OF A SECOND UNIT EVERY TERM OF SECTION
10 5 SUBSECTION D ALONG WITH THE TERMS OF SECTION 5, SUBSECTIONS
11 E-6, E-8, E-10 AND E-13, AND THE CHANGE OUTLINED IN SECTION 4
12 TO CODE SECTION 22.20.080. THESE CLAUSES CREATE RESTRICTIONS
13 UPON THE PLACEMENT OF SECOND UNITS THAT ARE NOT ALLOWED BY
14 CALIFORNIA STATE LAW SECTION 65852.2C WHICH STATES
15 SPECIFICALLY 'NO LOCAL AGENCY SHALL ADOPT AN ORDINANCE WHICH
16 TOTALLY PRECLUDES SECOND UNITS WITH A SECOND -- WITHIN SINGLE
17 FAMILY OR MULTI-FAMILY ZONED AREAS UNLESS THE ORDINANCE
18 CONTAINS FINDINGS ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE ORDINANCE MAY LIMIT
19 HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES OF THE REGION, AND FURTHER CONTAINS
20 FINDINGS THAT SPECIFIC ADVERSE IMPACTS ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH,
21 SAFETY AND WELFARE THAT WOULD RESULT FROM ALLOWING SECOND
22 UNITS WITHIN SINGLE-FAMILY AND MULTI-FAMILY ZONED AREAS
23 JUSTIFY ADOPTING THE ORDINANCE.' SIGNIFICANTLY THESE FINDING
24 HAVE NOT BEEN MADE THEREFORE THE RESTRICTIONS CANNOT BE
25 PLACED. MORE IMPORTANTLY NO ARGUMENT SUPPORTING THE LEGITIMACY



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1 OF THE NEED FOR THESE RESTRICTIONS CAN BE MADE AS THEY DEFY
2 LOGIC. ALLOWING SECOND UNITS IN HIGH FIRE AREAS MAY BE
3 DANGEROUS BUT HOW IT IS THAT MUCH DIFFERENT THAN ALLOWING
4 SINGLE OR MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCES IN THE AREA IN THE FIRST
5 PLACE. ADDING SECOND UNITS MAY INCREASE PROBLEMS IN
6 SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL IMPACT AREAS BUT WHAT THOSE PROBLEMS
7 ARE HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED OR SUBSTANTIATED BY ANY EVIDENCE.
8 LOOK PROTESTERS HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO STOP THE ALMONDSON RANCH
9 PROJECT THAT THREATENS TO WIPE OUT TWO NATIVE SPECIES AND OVER
10 30,000 MORE CARS IN THE TRAFFIC EACH DAY, DESPITE THE
11 PRESENTATION OF REAMS OF EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THEIR THREAT. ONE
12 SENTENCE THAT WAS ADDED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S
13 RECOMMENDATION FOR THIS ORDINANCE ONLY AFTER THE TESTIMONY
14 THAT I GAVE AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING DOES NOT CONSTITUTE
15 FINDINGS OF A SPECIFIC ADVERSE IMPACT, AS REQUIRED BY THE
16 STATE LAW. THERE CAN BE NO EVIDENCE THAT SECOND UNITS ON
17 PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES OR NOT SERVED BY PUBLIC SEWERS WILL
18 PRESENT ANY SORT OF NEGATIVE IMPACT. CALIFORNIA HAS SOME OF
19 THE STRICTEST WATER LAWS IN THE WORLD. IF THE FIRE AND HEALTH
20 DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS ARE MET, THE SOURCE OF THE WATER IS
21 IRRELEVANT AND IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS THAT SECOND UNITS ON
22 PRIVATE SEPTIC SYSTEMS WILL PLACE FAR LESS DEMANDS ON THE
23 INFRASTRUCTURE THAN THOSE THAT ARE BEING ALLOWED TO HOOK UP TO
24 PUBLIC SEWERS. OF COURSE THOSE DEVELOPERS IN PRIVATE INTERESTS
25 WHO STEADFASTLY PUSH FOR PUBLIC SEWERS DON'T STAND TO PROFIT



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1 FROM IT AND PERHAPS THAT'S THE REAL REASON FOR THIS
2 LIMITATION. REGARDING THE RESTRICTION THAT A SECOND UNIT MAY
3 NOT BE PLACED ON A PARCEL WITH DETACHED GUEST HOUSING OR
4 SERVANT QUARTERS, UNLESS YOU'RE NOW ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE
5 UNLAWFUL RENTAL OF THESE UNITS IS SOMEHOW NOW ALLOWABLE AND
6 ACCEPTABLE THEY DO NOT BEAR ANY RELATION UPON THE CREATION OF
7 SECOND UNITS. YOU CAN'T LEGALLY RENT A GUEST HOUSE, YOU CAN'T
8 LEGALLY RENT SERVANT'S QUARTERS. THESE ARE ACCESSORY USES OF
9 YOUR PROPERTY THAT ARE ALLOWED BY LAW IN CERTAIN ZONES.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS ELAPSED. BUT IF YOU'LL TURN
12 IN YOUR COMMENTS, THIS MATTER IS GOING TO BE CONTINUED. WE'LL
13 TAKE A LOOK AT ALL OF YOUR COMMENTS.

14

15 **JAIME SHCE:** I'LL BE GLAD TO TURN THEM IN, I'D APPRECIATE IT IF
16 THEY WERE READ.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THEY WILL BE CONSIDERED. I'M SURE THEY'LL
19 BE READ, BECAUSE WE'RE TRYING TO ARRIVE AT SOME APPROACH TO
20 THIS. THERE'S NO ONE ELSE WHO'S ASKED TO SPEAK TO THIS. I
21 WOULD LIKE TO JUST BRING UP A FEW THINGS THAT I HOPE ARE
22 CONSIDERED. OBVIOUSLY YOU'VE ALREADY TALKED ABOUT THE SIZE OF
23 THE LOT THAT WOULD BE A MINIMUM FOR A SECOND UNIT. AND SHOULD
24 WILL BE A FORMULA THAT WOULD BE SECOND UNIT, VIS-A-VIS LOT
25 SIZE, SHOULD THE SECOND UNIT BE ALLOWED TO BE TWO STORIES, HOW



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1 MANY BEDROOMS SHOULD THE SECOND STORY HAVE A MAXIMUM. WHAT
2 SEWER AND OTHER UTILITY UPGRADES NEED TO BE DONE TO
3 ACCOMMODATE THE INCREASED DENSITY OF USE ON THE EXISTING R 1
4 INFRASTRUCTURE. SHOULD SECOND UNITS BE APPROVED BY A VARIANCE,
5 A C.U.P. OR PERHAPS ONLY A DIRECTOR'S REVIEW? AND THESE ARE
6 SOME OF THE THINGS THAT I THINK SHOULD BE CONSIDERED,
7 PARTICULARLY AS I POINTED OUT TO YOU, WE HAVE A LOT OF BOOTLEG
8 UNITS PARTICULARLY IN UNINCORPORATED AREA, ONE PARTICULAR
9 AREA, THAT IS PREVENTING US FROM GETTING, IN MANY INSTANCES,
10 THE INSULATION FROM THE AIRPORT, BECAUSE THEY WILL NOT APPROVE
11 ANY MONEYS IN ORDER TO GIVE THE INSULATIONS AGAINST NOISE IF
12 THERE IS AN ILLEGAL UNIT. SO THE QUESTION GETS TO BE, YOU
13 KNOW, IS THIS GOING TO LEGALIZE ALL OF THOSE BOOTLEG UNITS. SO
14 THERE ARE A COUPLE OF THINGS THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT. AND I
15 WOULD THEREFORE MOVE THAT WE CONTINUE THIS PUBLIC HEARING TWO
16 MONTHS TO AUGUST 26TH, 2003. I ALSO MOVE THAT WE DIRECT THE
17 COUNTY COUNSEL AND DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING STAFF TO
18 RESEARCH ADDITIONAL WAYS TO PROTECT EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD
19 CHARACTER FROM THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF SECOND UNITS AND RETURN
20 TO US SUCH NEW ORDINANCE PROVISIONS ON THAT DATE. IT'S MOVED
21 AND SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. AND THE HEARING
22 WILL BE CONTINUED THEN 'TIL THAT DATE, AUGUST 26TH.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** SO THAT I HAVE A CLARIFICATION THAT WE -- SO THAT
25 WHEN IT COMES BACK, YOU KNOW, THERE WAS A LOT OF TESTIMONY



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1 HERE TODAY AND WE'VE HAD SOME QUESTIONS, ALL THOSE ISSUES WILL
2 BE ADDRESSED?

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I HOPE SO, AND THERE'LL BE MORE TESTIMONY I
5 SUSPECT.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THAT WOULD -- AND THAT WOULD JUST COME
12 DIRECTLY BACK TO US AND BACK TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, IS
13 THAT CORRECT?

14

15 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S CORRECT.

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. ITEM NUMBER 11, THE NEWHALL HEARING
18 ON CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND OAK TREE PERMIT CASE NUMBER
19 010945 AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, RELATED TO PROPERTY
20 LOCATED APPROXIMATELY ONE MILE WEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF
21 STEVENSON RANCH PARKWAY AND PICO CANYON ROAD, OF THE SANTA
22 CLARITA VALLEY NEWHALL ZONE DISTRICT. WE HAVE RECEIVED THREE
23 WRITTEN PROTESTS FOR THIS ITEM, MADAM CHAIR.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DON CAN YOU TAKE THIS FOR ONE MINUTE.



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2 **RUSSELL FRICANO:** MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, GOOD

3 AFTERNOON, I'M RUSSELL FRICANO WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL

4 PLANNING. TO MY LEFT IS FRANK MENESES, ALSO THE DEPARTMENT OF

5 REGIONAL PLANNING, AND TO MY RIGHT IS DENNIS HUNTER OF THE

6 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. THIS IS A HEARING FOR A

7 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND OAK TREE PERMIT 010945. THIS CASE

8 IS FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO AUTHORIZE GRADING OF 57,600

9 CUBIC YARDS OF MATERIAL AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN APPROVED

10 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME HABITAT RESTORATION

11 PLAN, AND AN OAK TREE PERMIT TO AUTHORIZE THE ENCROACHMENT

12 INTO THE PROTECTED ZONE OF FIVE OAK TREES. THIS CASE WAS

13 APPROVED ON THE UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING

14 COMMISSION ON MARCH 26TH, 2003. THE CASE WAS APPEALED TO THE

15 BOARD BY THE SANTA CLARITA ORGANIZATION FOR PLANNING THE

16 ENVIRONMENT OR SCOPE. THE SITE IS LOCATED IN DEAD HORSE CANYON

17 APPROXIMATELY ONE MILE WEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF STEVENSON

18 RANCH PARKWAY AND PICO CANYON ROAD IN SANTA CLARITA, IN THE

19 NEWHALL ZONE DISTRICT. THE 4.6-ACRE PRIMARY MITIGATION AREA IS

20 LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF PICO CANYON ROAD, AND SIX SMALLER

21 MITIGATION AREAS TOTALING 3.8 ACRES ARE LOCATED FURTHER WEST

22 ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF PICO CANYON ROAD. THE ZONING ON THE

23 SUBJECT PROPERTY IS A-25, HEAVY AGRICULTURAL, 5-ACRE MINIMUM

24 REQUIRED AREA. THE PROPERTY IS DESIGNATED AS URBAN TWO,

25 HILLSIDE MANAGEMENT AND FLOOD WAY FLOODPLAIN IN THE SANTA



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1 CLARITA VALLEY AREA PLAN. THE PURPOSE OF THE HABITAT
2 RESTORATION PLAN IS TO ESTABLISH A NATIVE RIPARIAN PLANT
3 COMMUNITY AS MITIGATION FOR THE DRY STREAM CHANNELS THAT WERE
4 LOST DURING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE STEVENSON RANCH PHASES ONE,
5 TWO, AND THREE. THIS PLAN WAS APPROVED BY THE CALIFORNIA
6 DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
7 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HABITAT RESTORATION PLAN, BUT NOT PART
8 OF THIS APPLICATION, THE APPLICANT IS PROPOSING THE
9 REALIGNMENT OF PICO CANYON ROAD. THE REALIGNMENT, AS INITIALLY
10 PROPOSED, RUNS THROUGH THE MAIN MITIGATION SITE. THE APPLICANT
11 IS PROPOSING ANOTHER REALIGNMENT THAT WILL NOT IMPACT THIS
12 AREA. THE APPLICANT WILL NOT CONSTRUCT THE ROAD IN CONNECTION
13 WITH THIS PROJECT, BUT NEEDS TO SHOW THAT A FEASIBLE
14 ALTERNATIVE TO THE CURRENTLY-APPROVED ALIGNMENT EXISTS. THIS
15 REALIGNMENT WOULD BE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THE
16 INTERDEPARTMENTAL ENGINEERING COMMITTEE, OR I.E.C. THE
17 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ADOPTED A MITIGATED NEGATIVE
18 DECLARATION FOR THE PROJECT, AND BECAUSE THE PROJECT -- THE
19 PROPOSED REALIGNMENT OF PICO CANYON ROAD REPRESENTS MERELY ONE
20 POTENTIAL ALIGNMENT, NO CONSTRUCTION IS PROPOSED AT THIS TIME.
21 THE INITIAL STUDY DID NOT ANALYZE THE IMPACTS RELATED TO THE
22 ALIGNMENT. THE PROPOSED REALIGNMENT IS MERELY ONE OF SEVERAL
23 POTENTIAL REALIGNMENTS OF PICO CANYON ROAD. APPROPRIATE
24 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PICO CANYON ROAD
25 WILL BE PERFORMED WHEN THE PRECISE LOCATION OF THE ROADWAY IS



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1 DETERMINED IN CONNECTION WITH FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS.
2 THE PROJECT IS SUPPORTED BY THE STEVENSON RANCH TOWN COUNCIL.
3 THIS CASE WAS APPEALED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DUE TO
4 CONCERNS RELATING TO CUMULATIVE IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED
5 REALIGNMENT, AND THAT THE PROPOSED REALIGNMENT SHOULD HAVE
6 BEEN INCLUDED IN THE INITIAL STUDY. IT IS IMPORTANT TO BEAR IN
7 MIND THAT NO CONSTRUCTION IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED
8 REALIGNMENT OF PICO CANYON ROAD, AND STAFF IS THEREFORE
9 COMFORTABLE WITH THE ADEQUACY OF THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE
10 DECLARATION. I ALSO WISH TO STRESS THAT THE BOARD -- TO THE
11 BOARD THAT THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION RECEIVE THESE
12 COMMENTS DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THIS CASE AND HAD AN
13 EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION ON THESE ISSUES. THE COMMISSION
14 DETERMINED FIRST THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW WAS SUFFICIENT,
15 THAT APPROPRIATE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW WILL BE PERFORMED AT THE
16 TIME THE ROAD IS PROPOSED FOR CONSTRUCTION, AND THAT
17 CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL IMPOSED ON THIS PROJECT WILL SAFEGUARD
18 THE RESTORATION AREA. AND THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE
21 WHO'VE ASKED TO SPEAK ON THIS. DAVID ALTENBERG, TOM BARRON,
22 LYNNE PLAMBECK. WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD?

23

24 **THOMAS BARRON:** DAVE ALTENBERG IS IN TRANSIT AND MAY NOT MAKE
25 IT.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, YOUR NAME -- PLEASE STATE YOUR
3 NAME.

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5 **THOMAS BARRON:** OKAY, MY NAME IS THOMAS BARRON. I'M A 30-YEAR
6 RESIDENT OF SAUGUS ON THE WESTERN END OF THE PROJECT AREA.
7 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIRMAN AND SUPERVISORS FOR HEARING MY
8 COMMENTS RECOMMENDING THAT YOU NOT APPROVE THE DEAD HORSE
9 CANYON PROJECT ON THE BASIS THAT THERE HAS NOT BEEN AN
10 ADEQUATE PUBLIC REVIEW OF THE IMPACTS ON THE HABITAT OUTSIDE
11 THE CONSTRUCTION AREA, PARTICULARLY FROM THE REALIGNMENT OF
12 PICO CANYON ROAD. FURTHERMORE, I WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO YOUR
13 ATTENTION WHAT APPEARS TO BE A BROKEN PROCESS THAT CIRCUMVENTS
14 THIS NECESSARY AND LEGALLY-MANDATED PUBLIC SCRUTINY. THE DEAD
15 HORSE PROJECT IS A MITIGATION THAT WAS MANDATED BY CALIFORNIA
16 FISH AND GAME TO OFFSET THE DAMAGE TO THE ENVIRONMENT CAUSED
17 BY EARLIER PHASES OF THE LENNAR STEVENSON RANCH HOUSING
18 DEVELOPMENT AND WILL NEED TO BE COMPLETED WHILE LENNAR IS
19 STILL AN ACTIVE COMPANY IN THE COUNTY. BUT THE PLAN BEFORE YOU
20 DOES NOT NEED TO BE IMPLEMENTED NOW AND NO GREATER PUBLIC HARM
21 WILL RESULT FROM YOUR RETURNING IT TO THE PLANNERS. THE DEAD
22 HORSE MITIGATION PLAN INVOLVES THE REALIGNMENT OF THE PICO
23 CANYON ROAD SEGMENT JUST BEYOND THE OLD GLORY OAK TREE. THIS
24 IS A TECHNICAL MATTER, JUST AS THE UPROOTING AND REMOVAL OF
25 THAT HERITAGE TREE WAS NECESSITATED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS



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1 DEPARTMENT IN A SIMILAR PROCESS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS IN AN
2 ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION WITH THE REGIONAL PLANNERS AND
3 DEVELOPERS. NO AMOUNT OF PUBLIC OUTCRY WAS ADEQUATE TO CHANGE
4 THIS ALIGNMENT AFTER THE FACT, DESPITE THE BEST EFFORTS OF
5 SKILLED VOLUNTEERS WORKING WITH THE COUNTY AND THE BUILDER.
6 AFTER THE DETAILS OF PUBLIC WORKS' ROAD PLAN WAS FINALLY
7 REVEALED AS A RESULT OF THE DIRECT REQUEST FOR RESPONSE BY
8 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, IT BECAME CRYSTAL CLEAR THAT THE
9 NEWHALL PROJECT AND LENNAR PHASE 5 WERE DRIVING THE
10 CONSTRUCTION OF A MAJOR HIGHWAY. THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND THE
11 LOCAL RESIDENTS OF SOUTHERN OAKS ARE JUST AS SURPRISED ABOUT
12 THE NEED FOR THE 65-MILE-AN-HOUR DESIGN SPEED AS SUPERVISOR
13 YAROSLAVSKY. WATCHING THE NEXT SECTION OF THE ROAD CAREFULLY,
14 I FOUND THIS CONSEQUENTIAL REALIGNMENT TO BE A TECHNICAL
15 MATTER FOR THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL ENGINEERING COMMITTEE. I MADE
16 ARRANGEMENTS TO ATTEND THIS UNPRECEDENTED PUBLIC HEARING ON
17 FEBRUARY 27TH, BUT FOUND OUT FROM A REPORTER ON THE WAY TO THE
18 PUBLIC WORKS THAT THE HEARING HAD BEEN INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.
19 I'M SUBMITTING A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE FROM THE DAILY NEWS IN
20 WHICH I AM QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THERE SEEMS TO BE A
21 CONSISTENT PATTERN IN DEFLECTING PUBLIC INTEREST AND
22 PARTICIPATION IN THESE MATTERS. ALTHOUGH THIS I.E.C. MEETING
23 HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO BE AN OPEN FORUM, NO SUCH MEETING HAS
24 TAKEN PLACE IN THE INTERVENING FOUR MONTHS. ALSO INCLUDED HERE
25 ARE MY COMMENTS TO THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING



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1 REQUESTING PUBLIC ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR WHICH I RECEIVED NO
2 RESPONSE. THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING MAINTAINS A WEB
3 SITE TO ALERT THE PUBLIC OF THE HEARINGS AND MEETINGS. HERE
4 ALSO I SUBMIT THE LATEST PAGE WHICH SHOWS THE I.E.C. LINK,
5 WHICH LEADS TO A SINGLE MEETING NOTICE, THAT OF THE FEBRUARY
6 27TH MEETING, QUOTE, 'FOR A DISCUSSION OF A PROPOSAL TO
7 REALIGN A PORTION OF PICO CANYON ROAD.' BESIDES BEING OUT OF
8 DATE, THE NOTICE MAKES NO MENTION OF THE DEAD HORSE CANYON
9 PROJECT, WHICH REQUIRES IT. ANY LAND PRINCIPLE REGIONAL
10 PLANNING ASSISTANT WAS QUOTED BACK IN FEBRUARY AND THE SIGNAL
11 AS SAYING, "THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF CONTROVERSY WITH REGARDS TO
12 OLD GLORY, INCLUDING PICO CANYON ROADS, AND TALK OF A
13 SECONDARY HIGHWAY. ANY PROPOSAL THAT HAS TO DO WITH PICO
14 CANYON ROAD IS VERY CLOSELY SCRUTINIZED AND WILL CONTINUE TO
15 BE SCRUTINIZED." AND YET HERE'S THIS PROJECT BEFORE YOU. AT
16 THE NEWHALL RANCH HEARING THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF TALK ABOUT
17 THE CAREFUL SCRUTINY THE COUNTY HAS EXERCISED OVER THAT
18 PROJECT, THE ISSUE THAT GOT THE MOST DISCUSSION WAS TRAFFIC
19 IMPACTS, AND YET HERE THE ROAD ISN'T A SUBJECT AND WON'T BE IF
20 THE CURRENT PROCESS GOES FORWARD. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS
21 SUGGESTED THAT THE COUNTY'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
22 PROCESS ITSELF NEEDS A CHANGE AND HAS ORDERED NEW STANDARDS BE
23 DRAFTED. I REMAIN CONVINCED THAT, FOR YOU TO NOW APPROVE THIS
24 PROJECT WITHOUT THESE NEW GUIDELINES, THE ADDITIONAL RESEARCH



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1 AND PUBLIC TESTIMONY IS IMPRUDENT. PLEASE RESCHEDULE YOUR
2 VOTE. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. LYNNE?

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6 **THOMAS BARRON:** I'D LIKE TO SUBMIT THESE.

7

8 **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** MR. ANTONOVICH, WOULD IT BE ALL RIGHT IF MISS
9 PEARSON AND LARRY KANNER WENT FIRST, AND I WENT IN?

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S FINE.

12

13 **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** OKAY.

14

15 **THOMAS BARRON:** THERE'S A COPY FOR EACH OF THE SUPERVISORS,
16 THANK YOU.

17

18 **KAREN PEARSON:** OKAY I'LL GO. I'M KAREN PEARSON, AND I'M
19 REPRESENTING THE ANGELES CHAPTER OF THE SIERRA CLUB
20 REPRESENTING OVER 50,000 MEMBERS THAT COME FROM EACH OF YOUR
21 DISTRICTS. IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE HERE. I'M REALLY GOING TO
22 JUST TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO READ FROM A LETTER THAT WAS
23 WRITTEN BY GORDON LEBEZ, WHO IS THE CONSERVATION CHAIR OF THE
24 ANGELES CHAPTER. I'LL JUST TAKE EXCERPTS OF THIS LETTER, AS
25 THE ENTIRE LETTER WAS SUBMITTED LAST FRIDAY TO YOUR EXECUTIVE



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1 COMMITTEE, BUT I KNOW YOU HAVE A LOT TO READ, AND SO I THOUGHT
2 I'D TAKE OUT SOME EXCERPTS THAT MR. LEBEZ HAS WRITTEN -- DR.
3 LEBEZ I SHOULD SAY. IT SAYS 'HONORABLE SUPERVISORS,' AND I DO
4 WANT TO THANK EACH OF YOU WHO IS ACTUALLY PAYING ATTENTION
5 HERE, WHICH SOMETIMES GETS A LITTLE RARE. A-HEM. IT SAYS
6 'HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, THE SIERRA CLUB WISHES TO EXPRESS
7 GRAVE CONCERN WITH THE APPROVAL OF THIS PURPORTED MITIGATION
8 PROJECT AND THE WIDENING OF PICO CANYON ROAD ATTACHED TO IT
9 WITHOUT THE REQUIRED ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW. IT ALSO APPEARS
10 THAT THE PROJECT MAY, IN FACT, BE IN A FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT
11 FOR THE UNAPPROVED 3,500 UNIT STEVENSON RANCH, PHASE 5
12 PROJECT, A PROJECT THAT HAS SUBSTANTIAL HURDLES TO OVERCOME
13 BEFORE IT IS BROUGHT TO HEARING. IT RECENTLY CAME TO THE
14 SIERRA CLUB'S ATTENTION THAT APPROVALS FOR THE UPGRADING AND
15 WIDENING OF PICO CANYON ROAD, SUCH AS ATTACHED TO THIS
16 MITIGATION PROJECT, HAVE BEEN APPROVED THROUGH A NONPUBLIC
17 COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC WORKS AND REGIONAL PLANNING CALLED "THE
18 INTERDEPARTMENTAL ENGINEERING COMMITTEE." THIS COMMITTEE WAS
19 NOT THEN AND IS NOT NOW PUBLICLY NOTICED, ALTHOUGH APPARENTLY
20 OCCASIONALLY A SELECT GROUP OF PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND.
21 THE ALIGNMENT AND WIDENING OF PICO CANYON ROAD THAT IS
22 REFLECTED IN THE MINUTES OF THIS GROUP HAS CAUSED MAJOR
23 IMPACTS TO THE ENVIRONMENT. THESE INCLUDE THE CONCRETING AND
24 CHANNELIZING OF PICO CREEK, DESTRUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY 80
25 OAK TREES, INCLUDING THE PICO CANYON OLD GLORY OAK, AND OTHER



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1 HERITAGE TREES AS WELL AS INCREASED CUMULATIVE NOISE AND AIR
2 POLLUTION IMPACTS. THIS ROAD WAS APPROVED TO EXTEND THROUGH
3 PORTERO CANYON, A HIGHLY SEISMIC AREA WITH NO GEOLOGIC REVIEW
4 IN ORDER TO SERVE THE NEWHALL RANCH PROJECT. IN THAT PROJECT,
5 IT MAY IMPACT THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY SPINE FLOWER HABITAT.
6 THESE ARE JUST SEVERE AND OBVIOUS IMPACTS. IF THE ALIGNMENT
7 AND APPROVALS FOR WIDENING OF THIS ROAD WERE ALL CONDUCTED IN
8 A SECRET MEETING WITHOUT ANY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW, THIS IS IN
9 VIOLATION OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. THE
10 COUNTY SEEMS TO HAVE PURSUED A POLICY OF SECRETLY APPROVING
11 THE WIDENING AND ALIGNMENT IN THE I.E.C. AND THEN ATTACHING
12 THE ALREADY-APPROVED ALIGNMENT AS A DONE DEAL TO AN ADJACENT
13 PROJECT FOR APPROVAL. THIS ILLEGAL METHOD HAS ALREADY CAUSED
14 SUBSTANTIAL LITIGATION. THE SANTA CLARITA OAKS CONSERVANCY AND
15 OTHER GROUPS FILED SUIT OVER THIS PIECEMEALING OF OAK PERMITS
16 WHEN THIS ROAD REQUIRED THE DESTRUCTION OF 56 OAKS, INCLUDING
17 MANY HERITAGE OAKS. IN ONE OF THREE DIFFERENT PERMITS REQUIRED
18 TO ACCOMMODATE PHASE III OF STEVENSON RANCH. ANOTHER LOCAL
19 ORGANIZATION IS SUING LANG HOMES FOR FRAUD OVER ITS FAILURE TO
20 SAVE THE PICO CANYON HERITAGE OAK NUMBER 419 AFTER SIGNING A
21 WRITTEN AGREEMENT TO DO SO, BECAUSE OF THE ALIGNMENT OF THIS
22 ROAD. NOW THE ALIGNMENT AND WIDENING IS ATTACHED TO THIS
23 PURPORTED MITIGATION PROJECT. HOWEVER, NEITHER THE ALIGNMENT
24 NOR ADJACENT PROJECT ARE SHOWN IN THE DESCRIPTION OF THE
25 PROPOSAL BEFORE YOU. IT IS MISSING. BECAUSE OF THIS FAILURE,



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1 THERE ARE SERIOUS PROBLEMS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN DISCLOSED TO THE
2 SUPERVISORS. THE MOST OBVIOUS IS THE CREATION OF A WILDLIFE
3 HABITAT AREA IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO A HUNDRED-FOOT-WIDE 65-
4 MILE-AN-HOUR EXPRESSWAY. NOW, THERE'S A CORRIDOR FOR YA. THE
5 ALIGNMENT FOR WHICH WILL BE DETERMINED AT A LATER DATE,
6 ACCORDING TO THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION. HOW WILL WILDLIFE CROSS
7 THIS ROAD? WHAT WILL BE THE IMPACTS OF ROADKILL ON LOCAL
8 ANIMAL POPULATIONS AS THEY TRY TO ACCESS THE WATER THAT WILL
9 BE PRESENT IN THIS AREA? HOW WILL ANIMALS CROSSING THE ROAD
10 AFFECT TRAFFIC? WILL ACCIDENTS BE CAUSED WHEN DRIVERS
11 TRAVELING AT HIGH SPEEDS ATTEMPT TO AVOID WILDLIFE? THESE
12 IMPACTS WERE NEITHER DISCLOSED NOR ADDRESSED, BUT DEFERRED TO
13 A LATER DATE WHEN THE ROAD ALIGNMENT WOULD BE FINALLY
14 DECIDED.' NOW I SEE MY TIME HAS EXPIRED, SO I'M GOING TO JUST
15 READ HIS LAST PARAGRAPH AND CONCLUDE. 'LASTLY, WE REQUEST THAT
16 ALL MEETINGS OF THE I.E.C. BE PUBLICLY NOTICED AND OPEN TO THE
17 PUBLIC. THIS WILL ENSURE THAT FUTURE ROAD DECISIONS WILL BE
18 DISCLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AND THAT PROPER ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
19 WILL BE CONDUCTED.' AND THE LETTER IS SIGNED, "SINCERELY,
20 GORDON -- DR. GORDON LEBEZ, CONSERVATION CHAIR, ANGELES
21 CHAPTER." THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THOSE FEW OF YOU WHO WERE
22 ACTUALLY LISTENING, AND I REALLY DO APPRECIATE IT.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1 **LARRY KANNER:** HEY, MY NAME IS LARRY KANNER, I'M HERE
2 REPRESENTING THE SANTA CLARITA OAK CONSERVANCY TODAY. I ALSO
3 HAVE LIVED AND HIKE IN THE PICO CANYON AREA FOR YEARS. I'D
4 LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HAS NOT
5 ESTABLISHED A LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE NUMBER OF OAK TREE
6 REMOVALS. HOWEVER, THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR THIS PROJECT
7 STATES 'IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THIS PROJECT WILL NOT EXCEED
8 THE ESTABLISHED THRESHOLD CRITERION FOR ANY ENVIRONMENTAL
9 SERVICE FACTOR AND, AS A RESULT, WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT
10 IMPACT ON THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT. THE 119 OAK TREES REMOVED
11 IN PERMIT 83013 AND THE 13 IN PERMIT 259 AS WELL AS OTHER OAK
12 TREE PERMIT REMOVALS IN THIS AREA MUST BE CONSIDERED AS
13 SUFFICIENT CUMULATIVE IMPACT. THE COURTS HAVE HELD THAT, IN
14 SEQUA, IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT AN IMPACT ANALYSIS AVOID
15 MINIMIZING THE CUMULATIVE IMPACTS. RATHER, IT MUST REFLECT THE
16 CONSCIENTIOUS EFFORT TO PROVIDE THE GENERAL PUBLIC WITH
17 ADEQUATE AND RELEVANT DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THEM. A
18 CUMULATIVE IMPACT ANALYSIS WHICH UNDERSTATES INFORMATION
19 CONCERNING THE SEVERITY AND SIGNIFICANCE OF CUMULATIVE IMPACT
20 IMPEDES MEANINGFUL PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND SKEWS THE DECISION
21 MAKER'S PERSPECTIVE CONCERNING THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES
22 OF A PROJECT AND THE APPROPRIATENESS OF PROJECT APPROVAL. AN
23 INADEQUATE CUMULATIVE IMPACT ANALYSIS DOES NOT DEMONSTRATE TO
24 AN APPREHENSIVE CITIZENRY THAT THE GOVERNMENT -- GOVERNMENTAL
25 DECISION MAKER HAS IN FACT FULLY ANALYZED AND CONSIDERED THE



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1 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES OF ITS ACTION. IT IS CLEAR IN THIS
2 PROJECT THAT THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE PROJECTS HAVE NOT
3 TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE OVERALL CUMULATIVE IMPACT. THE COURTS
4 HAVE ALSO AGREED THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ROADWAY WILL HAVE
5 THE CUMULATIVE IMPACT AND OPENING THE WAY FOR FUTURE
6 DEVELOPMENT.' IN THE CONDITION NUMBER 25, THE REQUIREMENT
7 STATES, "FUTURE EXTENSION OF PICO CANYON ROAD SHALL NOT
8 TRAVERSE ANY PORTION OF THE PROJECT SITE. PERMITTEES SHALL
9 DEDICATE A RIGHT-OF-WAY 50 FEET FROM THE CENTERLINE ON PICO
10 CANYON ROAD. OR AN ALIGNMENT TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE LOS
11 ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS. THE PERMITTEE SHALL DEDICATE
12 SLOPE EASEMENTS AS NECESSARY. THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HAS
13 BEEN SUPPLIED WITH A COPY OF THE RECORDED 1986 DEED
14 ESTABLISHED FOR NEWHALL LAND AND FARMING TO HAVE A 100-FOOT
15 ROAD THROUGH PICO CANYON, AS WELL AS THE 150 SLOPE EASEMENT ON
16 EACH SIDE OF THE ROAD. IF THE PERMITTEE IS TO DEDICATE THE
17 RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM THE CENTERLINE OF PICO CANYON ROAD, THE 50
18 FEET WITH AN ADDITIONAL 150 SLOPE EASEMENT FOR A TOTAL OF 200
19 FEET, THEN INDEED THE ROAD WILL TRAVERSE INTO THE PROJECT.
20 CONDITION 31 REQUIRES THAT THE ISSUANCE OF ANY GRADING PERMIT
21 SHALL FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL
22 ENGINEERING COMMITTEE FOR ITS APPROVAL. THIS IS DEFINITELY
23 PUTTING THE DEAD HORSE BEFORE THE CART BY APPROVING THE
24 PROJECT BEFORE THE ALIGNMENT OF PICO CANYON ROAD IS
25 ESTABLISHED. THE NATIVE CALIFORNIA OAK TREES SEEMED TO HAVE



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1 FOLLOW THE FAULT ZONES OF EARTHQUAKES AND ESTABLISH THEMSELVES
2 ALONG THESE AREAS. THE PROJECT IS LOCATED IN AN ACTIVE OR
3 POTENTIALLY ACTIVE FAULT ZONE, SEISMIC HAZARD ZONE OF THE
4 AUQEUS PREOLA EARTHQUAKE FAULT ZONE. NO ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
5 HAS BEEN CONDUCTED ON THE PICO CANYON ROAD. IT WOULD SEEM THAT
6 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY I.E.C. HAS TAKEN OVER THE
7 RESPONSIBILITY FROM SEQUA FOR THE APPROVALS. NONE OF THESE
8 APPROVALS SHOULD HAVE BEEN ALLOWED WITHOUT SEQUA REVIEW. THANK
9 YOU.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LYNNE PLAMBECK, ARE YOU GOING TO
12 SPEAK NOW?

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14 **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** YES, I'M GOING TO SPEAK. HE JUST WANTED TO
15 TURN IN THE CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE OAKS CONSERVANCY. DAVE
16 ALTENBERG IS IN TRANSIT AND WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO YOU AT A
17 LATER TIME IF HE DOESN'T MAKE IT HERE BEFORE OUR TESTIMONY IS
18 COMPLETED, AND I'LL JUST MAYBE BRIEFLY SAY SOMETHING THAT HE'S
19 GOING TO SAY. BUT WHAT I WANT TO SAY IS WHEN FISH AND GAME
20 GRANTED THE PERMITS FOR THIS, THEY MAY VERY WELL HAVE BEEN
21 TOTALLY UNAWARE THAT THERE WAS A ROAD NEXT TO THIS MITIGATION
22 AREA AND THAT A ROAD IS GOING TO TRANSVERSE AN AREA WHERE
23 THERE'S SUPPOSEDLY ANOTHER CONSERVATION PLACE, SO WE DID MAKE
24 A LITTLE CHART HERE, WHICH, IN KEEPING WITH PUTTING THE DEAD
25 HORSE BEFORE THE CART, WE HAVE HORSE DEAD CANYON ON IT. IT



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1 JUST IS A PICTORIAL BOARD ABOUT HOW WE'RE GOING TO WORK WITH
2 THE WILDLIFE IN THIS AREA. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A MITIGATION
3 AREA AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO PUT A 65-MILE-AN-HOUR HIGHWAY
4 NEXT TO IT. NOT ONLY IS THIS DEADLY FOR WILDLIFE, BUT IT'S
5 DEADLY FOR TRAFFIC THAT'S TRYING TO AVOID THE WILDLIFE. THESE
6 IMPACTS MUST BE ADDRESSED. YOU CAN'T DO A MITIGATED NEGATIVE
7 DECLARATION AND NOT LOOK AT AN IMMEDIATE ADJOINING USE. THE
8 OTHER IMMEDIATE ADJOINING USE IS A PROPOSED 3,500-UNIT
9 PROJECT. THEY TELL YOU AGRICULTURAL NOW, BUT THAT'S A 3,500-
10 UNIT PROJECT. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION INADEQUATE
11 BECAUSE THE PROJECT AROUND WASN'T SHOWN IN IT, BUT THERE WAS
12 CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION ABOUT URBAN RUNOFF AT THE TIME AND HOW
13 THAT WAS GOING TO AFFECT THE ABILITY OF THE WILDLIFE TO USE
14 THIS AS A WATER AREA, BUT THE BIG CONCERN IS THE IMPACT TO
15 PICO CANYON ROAD. AGAIN, YOU HAVE A REQUIREMENT TO KEEP THE
16 ROAD OUT OF THE MITIGATION AREA. IF YOU DO THAT, YOU'RE GOING
17 TO CUT DOWN A BUNCH OF OAKS. AND HERE WE HAVE THE SAME PROBLEM
18 AS WE HAD BEFORE WITH OAK NUMBER 419, WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE
19 KISSING OAKS, WITH THE REMOVAL OF SEVERAL HERITAGE OAKS THAT
20 THE COMMUNITY HAS JUST BEEN IN AN UPROAR ABOUT. AND I WOULD
21 JUST LIKE TO CLOSE MY COMMENTS, I -- SCOPE SUBMITTED
22 SUBSTANTIAL COMMENTS ON THIS AND WE ATTACHED ALL THE I.E.C.
23 MEETINGS MINUTES OVER THE LAST 10, 15 YEARS, SO YOU CAN SEE
24 THE SORT OF IMPACTS THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED IN THIS COMMITTEE
25 THAT'S NOT NOTICED, THE PUBLIC'S NOT INVITED TO ATTEND. IT'S



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1 REALLY QUITE AMAZING AND TOTALLY ILLEGAL. SO WE REALLY DO ASK
2 THAT YOU ADDRESS THAT, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO JUST SAY IN
3 CLOSING, I'D LIKE TO REMARK ON A STEVENSON RANCH TOWN COUNCIL
4 MEETING WHICH DAVID ALTENBERG ATTENDED AND WANTED TO COME AND
5 TALK TO YOU ABOUT BECAUSE HE WAS SO OUTRAGED THAT MR. HAUTER
6 WOULD GO TO THE COUNCIL AT, APPARENTLY, MR. ANTONOVICH'S
7 REQUEST, TO ASK FOR THEIR APPROVAL. NOW, THIS WAS NOT ON THE
8 TOWN COUNCIL'S AGENDA, THERE WAS NO PUBLIC NOTICE FOR PEOPLE
9 TO BE THERE TO DISCUSS IT, AND YET SOMEHOW THE TOWN COUNCIL
10 HAS REPORTED THAT IT SUPPORTS THIS PROJECT. WELL, I DON'T
11 THINK IT'S ENTIRELY LEGAL FOR SOMEONE FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S
12 OFFICE TO GO AND ASK A SEMI PUBLIC BOARD TO SUPPORT A PROJECT
13 AND THEN HAVE SOMETHING THAT'S NOT EVEN ON THEIR AGENDA BE
14 SUBMITTED TO YOU. SO I WOULD REQUEST, MR. ANTONOVICH, THAT YOU
15 TALK TO MR. HAUTER ABOUT THIS PROCESS, BECAUSE IT DOESN'T SEEM
16 LIKE AN APPROPRIATE THING TO BE GOING ON. IT'S NOT REALLY --
17 THE COMMUNITY DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THAT THIS WAS ON THE COUNCIL
18 MEETING, SO THE COMMUNITY COULDN'T HAVE SUPPORTED IT. AND I
19 HOPE THAT YOU WILL GIVE MR. ALTENBERG A MOMENT TO TALK TO YOU
20 WHEN HE ARRIVES. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. STEVE HUNTER, CHRISTINE CUBA,
23 LISA KEGARICE. WOULD THEY ALL PLEASE COME UP, AND WE'LL CALL
24 THEM IN THAT ORDER. WHO? STEVE HUNTER, CHRISTINE CUBA.

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1 **SPEAKER:** LISA KEGARICE HAS DEFERRED TO ME.

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3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

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5 **SPEAKER:** PROBABLY NEXT ON THE LIST FRANK HOVORE.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES. STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

8

9 **STEVE HUNTER:** MADAM CHAIRMAN, HONORABLE BOARD MEMBERS, MY NAME
10 IS STEVE HUNTER, I'M WITH LAND DESIGN CONSULTANTS, ONE OF THE
11 REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE APPLICANT. THE PLAN THAT'S BEFORE THE
12 BOARD TODAY IS A PROJECT THAT WILL RESULT IN THE RESTORATION
13 AND ENHANCEMENT OF DEAD HORSE CANYON. OVER THE PAST YEARS DEAD
14 HORSE CANYON HAS BEEN USED FOR -- HAD OIL WELLS LOCATED ON IT,
15 WAS USED BY A LOCAL REFUGE COMPANY AS A MAINTENANCE YARD. THE
16 APPLICANTS, LENNAR COMMUNITIES, HAVE SPENT THE LAST SEVERAL
17 YEARS CLEANING THIS SITE UP. WHEN THE APPLICANT ORIGINALLY
18 APPROACHED ALL THE RESOURCE AGENCIES TO CHOOSE A SITE WITHIN
19 THE PICO CANYON AREA FOR MITIGATION FOR STEVENSON RANCH'S
20 PHASES ONE, TWO, AND THREE, THIS SITE WASN'T CHOSE WITHOUT A
21 LOT OF THOUGHT. THE SITE WAS INVESTIGATED BY THE PROJECT
22 TEAMS, THE PROJECT BIOLOGISTS, THE ARBORISTS, ALL THE RESOURCE
23 AGENCIES HAVE BEEN OUT ON THE SITE BEFORE WE CAME UP WITH A
24 VERY COMPREHENSIVE MITIGATION RESTORATION PLAN FOR DEAD HORSE
25 CANYON. IN LOOKING AT THIS, THE I.E.C. ALIGNMENT OF PICO



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1 CANYON WAS ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED IN 1989 AND SINCE THEN, THE
2 ALIGNMENT HAS BEEN REVISED TWICE, THE LATEST ALIGNMENT IN
3 2000. WHEN WE WERE LOOKING FOR THE BEST SITE WITHIN PICO
4 CANYON TO PROVIDE THIS TYPE OF RESTORATION, THE COUNTY HAD
5 ALREADY ADOPTED A NEW ALIGNMENT IN 2000 THAT HAD A SOMEWHAT OF
6 AN EFFECT ON OUR ABILITY TO USE THIS SPECIFIC SITE. THEREFORE
7 THE COUNTY, IN REVIEWING THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT,
8 RECOGNIZED THAT THERE IS A CURRENT I.E.C. ALIGNMENT THAT
9 AFFECTS A PORTION OF THE MITIGATION AREA AND REQUIRED THE
10 APPLICANT TO FILE A NEW REQUEST TO MOVE THE ALIGNMENT, WHICH,
11 FOR THE MOST PART, GOES BACK TO THE ORIGINAL ALIGNMENT THAT
12 WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1989. WE ARE PROPOSING TO SHIFT THAT PAPER
13 ALIGNMENT BETWEEN 90 AND 180 FEET TO THE SOUTH, SO THAT WE CAN
14 PROVIDE THIS MITIGATION AREA IN AN AREA THAT NEEDS TO BE
15 APPROVED. AGAIN, THAT HAS BEEN CHOSEN BY ALL THE RESOURCE
16 AGENCIES AS A SITE THAT WE SHOULD USE FOR OUR RESTORATION.
17 WE'RE PROPOSING ROUGHLY 8.6 ACRES OF RESTORATION, OF 4.6 OF
18 THOSE ACRES ARE DIRECTLY IN THE DEAD HORSE CANYON, WHICH SEEMS
19 TO BE THE BIGGEST OF CONCERN RELATED TO THE FUTURE ALIGNMENT
20 OF PICO CANYON ROAD. THE REMAINING 3. ACRES WILL BE LOCATED ON
21 THE SOUTH SIDE OF PICO CANYON ROAD. WHEN WE IMPLEMENT THIS
22 RESTORATION PROGRAM, WE ARE NOT GOING TO AFFECT THE CURRENT
23 ALIGNMENT OF PICO CANYON ROAD, WE'RE NOT GOING TO GRADE OR
24 REGRADE THE ALIGNMENT OF PICO CANYON ROAD. THIS PARTICULAR
25 APPLICATION BEFORE THE BOARD OR THIS C.U.P. APPLICATION WILL



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1 NOT REMOVE ANY OAK TREES, IS NOT PROPOSED TO REMOVE ANY OAK
2 TREES TODAY OR IN THE FUTURE. SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE, WHEN A
3 ROAD ALIGNMENT PROJECT COMES FORWARD BEFORE THE BOARD, A FULL
4 SEQUA INVESTIGATION OF THAT AND IMPACTS ON THOSE TREES WILL BE
5 DETERMINED. I HAVE WITH ME TO MY LEFT IS FRANK HOVORE, WHO IS
6 ONE OF THE PROJECT'S BIOLOGISTS AND WILDLIFE EXPERTS. IF THE
7 BOARD HAS ANY QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF
8 THE RESTORATION PLAN, WE WILL TRY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? DO YOU WISH TO
11 MAKE A STATEMENT?

12

13 **FRANK HOVORE:** OH, I DIDN'T COME UP HERE WITH A PRESENTATION. I
14 CAME UP TO BE RESPONSIVE TO YOUR NEEDS THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THERE
17 ARE NO QUESTIONS?

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH I HAVE A QUESTION. OH YOU HAVE MORE
20 PEOPLE.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALEX HERRELL AND FRANK HONOREE. ARE THEY
23 HERE?

24

25 **FRANK HOVORE:** WELL I'M FRANK BUT --



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OR YOU'RE FRANK HONOREE, OKAY.

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4 **FRANK HOVORE:** UNLESS ALEX WANTS ME TO STAY HERE I --

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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8 **SPEAKER:** I THINK THAT WE'VE COMPLETED OUR RESPONSE.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S IT, ALL RIGHT, THAT CONCLUDES THEN
11 THE PRESENTATION, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE SIERRA CLUB
14 MENTIONED THAT THIS WAS NOT A LEGAL ACTION. COULD YOU COMMENT
15 ON THAT?

16

17 **RICHARD WEISS:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, WE DON'T
18 AGREE WITH THAT. AS STAFF DESCRIBED THIS PROJECT, IT'S NOT A
19 ROAD PROJECT. THIS IS A PROJECT TO ESTABLISH THE HABITAT
20 RESTORATION AREA. HOWEVER, BECAUSE THE LOCATION DOES RUN IN AN
21 AREA WHERE THE CURRENT PAPER ALIGNMENT OF PICO CANYON ROAD IS
22 LOCATED, IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE APPLICANT TO SHOW THAT AN
23 ALTERNATIVE ALIGNMENT IS ENGINEERINGLY FEASIBLE. THIS PROJECT
24 DOES NOT ESTABLISH THAT ALIGNMENT. THIS PROJECT DOES NOT
25 AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANY ROAD. THE ROAD IS NOT



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1 NECESSARY FOR THIS PROJECT. THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
2 IDENTIFIES THE FACT THAT AN ALTERNATIVE ALIGNMENT MUST BE DONE
3 AND IT ADDRESSES THAT, AT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL AT THIS POINT
4 IN TIME, WHICH WOULD BE AT A CONCEPTUAL OR PROGRAMMATIC LEVEL.
5 BUT NO DETERMINATION IS BEING MADE IN THIS PERMIT BY YOUR
6 BOARD AS TO A REVISED ALIGNMENT, AND BEFORE THAT IS DONE, IT
7 WILL BE ANALYZED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND FULL
8 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION WILL BE PREPARED.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HAVE YOU REVIEWED THE ENVIRONMENTAL
11 CLEARANCE PREPARED FOR THIS PROJECT?

12

13 **RICHARD WEISS:** YES, SUPERVISOR, AND WE BELIEVE IT COMPLIES
14 WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT THE PROPOSED REALIGNMENT OF PICO CANYON
17 ROAD PROPERLY ANALYZED IN THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION?

18

19 **RICHARD WEISS:** IT IS PROPERLY ANALYZED TO THE EXTENT THAT IS
20 APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME, AND THAT IS AT A PROGRAMMATIC LEVEL
21 OR A CONCEPTUAL LEVEL, BECAUSE NOBODY KNOWS WHAT THE SPECIFIC
22 ALIGNMENT IS GOING TO BE, SO IT WOULD NOT BE PRACTICAL TO DO
23 AN ANALYSIS OF THE SPECIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ON ALIGNMENT.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES DOES SEGMENTATION OF
2 SEQUA OCCUR?

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4 **RICHARD WEISS:** SEGMENTATION OR PIECEMEALING UNDER SEQUA IS THE
5 FAILURE TO ADEQUATELY ANALYZE THE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF A
6 SECOND PORTION OF A PROJECT THAT IS CURRENTLY BEING ANALYZED,
7 WHERE THE AGENCY'S DECISION ON THE FIRST PORTION COMMITS THE
8 AGENCY TO THE SECOND PORTION, OR WHERE THE REASONABLE
9 FORESEEABLE CIRCUMSTANCES FROM THE SECOND PORTION ARE KNOWN AT
10 THIS TIME -- OR AT THAT TIME.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE ADEQUATELY
13 ADDRESSES THOSE REQUIREMENTS OF SEQUA?

14

15 **RICHARD WEISS:** YES, SUPERVISOR. THIS ACTION WOULD NOT COMMIT
16 THE BOARD TO ANY CONSTRUCTION OR LOCATION OF PICO CANYON ROAD,
17 AND WE DON'T KNOW THE SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES SUFFICIENTLY TO
18 DO A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF SPECIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND TO REGIONAL PLANNING, THERE ARE NO OAK
21 TREES THAT WILL BE REMOVED FROM THIS PROJECT?

22

23 **RICHARD WEISS:** THAT'S CORRECT. WE'RE SPEAKING IN TERMS OF
24 ENCROACHMENTS, NOT REMOVALS.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE PROCESS TO REALIGN THE PROPOSED
2 ROADWAY IS, WHAT IS THE PROCESS?

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4 **RICHARD WEISS:** THE PROCESS FOR REALIGNING A ROADWAY,
5 SUPERVISOR, AN APPLICATION IS FILED WITH THE REGIONAL PLANNING
6 DEPARTMENT. THAT APPLICATION IS REVIEWED BY THE
7 INTERDEPARTMENTAL ENGINEERING COMMITTEE. THAT COMMITTEE IS AN
8 ADVISORY BODY TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REGARDING
9 HIGHWAY MATTERS AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE PROTECTION OF RIGHT-
10 OF-WAY. THE I.E.C. CONSISTS OF MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL
11 PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND AT THE
12 TIME THAT THE APPLICATION IS FILED, THE STAFF WILL EVALUATE
13 THE APPLICATION FOR CONSISTENCY WITH THE HIGHWAY PLAN AND A
14 DECISION WILL BE MADE SUBJECT TO OTHER DISCRETIONARY PERMITS
15 THAT WOULD TRIGGER ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW. PUBLIC WORKS STAFF,
16 THEY REVIEW THE REALIGNMENT TO DETERMINE IF THE PROPOSAL MEETS
17 SPECIFIED ENGINEERING CRITERIA. ONCE THE ANALYSIS IS COMPLETE,
18 THE I.E.C. HOLDS A MEETING, IT'S DULY NOTICED. THE NEIGHBORING
19 PROPERTY OWNERS AND ALL THAT ARE AFFECTED WILL BE NOTIFIED.
20 FOLLOWING A DISCUSSION, THE I.E.C. WILL MAKE A RECOMMENDATION
21 ON THE REALIGNMENT FOR APPROVAL OR FOR DENIAL.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THIS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE I.E.C. HAS
24 REALIGNED PICO CANYON?

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1 **RICHARD WEISS:** NO. AS MR. HUNTER HAS INDICATED, IT'S BEEN
2 REALIGNED TWO TIMES SINCE 1989, YES.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHEN IT COMES TO ACTUALLY CONSTRUCTING
5 THE EXTENSION OF PICO CANYON ROAD, WILL A SEQUA CLEARANCE BE
6 REQUIRED OR PREPARED?

7

8 **RICHARD WEISS:** YES, WE DO ANTICIPATE THAT A FULL ENVIRONMENTAL
9 REVIEW WILL TAKE PLACE.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THIS WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE
12 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION?

13

14 **RICHARD WEISS:** YES, IT WAS.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THERE WAS ONE PERSON WHO WAS SIGNED UP TO
17 SPEAK THAT DID NOT COME UP AT THE TIME. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME
18 PLEASE.

19

20 **DAVID ALTENBERG:** GOOD AFTERNOON I'M -- YES. I'M DAVID
21 ALTENBERG. PLEASE TELL WHEN TO BEGIN.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** START RIGHT NOW.

24



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1 **DAVID ALTENBERG:** THANK YOU. I HAVE THREE REQUESTS REGARDING
2 THIS CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE BOARD TODAY.
3 THE FIRST ONE IS THAT THE BOARD DENY THIS CONDITIONAL USE
4 PERMIT ON THE GROUNDS THAT IMPROPER PROCEDURAL TACTICS OF THE
5 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, INCLUDING A PIECEMEAL
6 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS, WHICH DOESN'T LOOK AT THE IMPACT
7 AS A WHOLE, OF PLACING A HIGH SPEED PICO CANYON EXPRESSWAY,
8 PER SE, THROUGH A WILDLIFE HABITAT CORRIDOR. MY SECOND REQUEST
9 IS THAT THIS CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT BE SEEN FOR WHAT IT REALLY
10 IS: YET ANOTHER POLITICAL PAY BACK TO SANTA CLARITA AREA
11 DEVELOPERS FOR A DIRECTLY LINK TO THE TOP TWO LARGEST
12 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTORS TO THE FIFTH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR OVER
13 THE PAST 20 YEARS. SPECIFICALLY, APPLICANT LENNAR HOMES IS THE
14 HEIR TO INTERESTS OF THE DALE PO DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, AND THEY
15 HAVE PUBLICLY EXPRESSED THEIR DOUBTS ABOUT BEING ABLE TO
16 FEASIBLY COMPLETE PARALLEL ROADS, PO PARKWAY AND VALENCIA
17 BOULEVARD THROUGH THE STEEP TERRAIN OF THEIR STEVENSON RANCH
18 PHASE 5 PROJECT. SO WHAT LENNAR HOMES IS DOING HERE IS
19 EXERCISING POLITICAL INFLUENCE TO TRY TO PUSH THROUGH A HIGH-
20 SPEED, SIX-LANE-CAPABLE PICO CANYON EXPRESSWAY AS A COST-
21 SAVING ALTERNATIVE TO BUILDING THE OTHER ROADS. THIS WILL
22 AFFECT LARGE OAK TREES AND WILD ANIMALS IN THE AREA, WHICH
23 TEND TO CONGREGATE IN SHADED CANYONS, AND THAT'S THE BASIS FOR
24 MANY OF THE CONFLICTS YOU'VE BEEN HEARING ABOUT THE PAST FEW
25 MONTHS. THERE IS ALSO AN INTEREST HELD BY THE NEIGHBORING



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1 NEWHALL LAND AND FARMING COMPANY, WHICH HOLDS EASEMENTS AND
2 RIGHT-OF-WAYS OVER THESE ROADS AS WELL WHICH LEAD TO THE
3 NEWHALL RANCH DEVELOPMENT. TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS OF BUILDING
4 A -- OF BUILDING A ROAD THROUGH A SENSITIVE CANYON HABITAT,
5 FIFTH DISTRICT OFFICIAL, BOB HAUTER AND LENNAR HOMES OFFICIAL,
6 JEFF STEVENSON, HAVE SOLICITED THE INPUT OF THE STEVENSON
7 RANCH TOWN COUNCIL, INCLUDING STATEMENTS OF MR. DAVID BOSSER
8 WHICH HAVE BEEN HEARD IN THIS FORUM PREVIOUSLY, ULTIMATELY FOR
9 THE ECONOMIC GAIN OF FIFTH DISTRICT CAMPAIGN-CONTRIBUTING
10 DEVELOPERS. THERE'S ALSO ACTIVE INTERCESSION BY OFFICIALS TO
11 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. AS THIS MAY BE SEEN AS A FORM
12 OF IMPROPER LOBBYING AND PERHAPS INFLUENCE-PEDDLING, I ASK
13 THAT THE BOARD APPEAL TO THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
14 FOR A FORMAL INQUIRY INTO AN INVESTIGATION OF THESE
15 ACTIVITIES. MY FINAL REQUEST IS FOR MORE ACTIVE AND VOCAL
16 PARTICIPATION ON THESE MATTERS BY SUPERVISORS OF THE FIRST AND
17 FOURTH DISTRICTS. IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS;
18 IT'S REALLY ABOUT CORRUPTION. IT'S BEEN SAID THAT FOR
19 CORRUPTION TO ENDURE, THAT ALL IS NEEDED IS FOR GOOD PEOPLE TO
20 DO NOTHING. IF THE SUPERVISORS OF THE FIRST AND FOURTH
21 DISTRICTS WILL ENJOIN THE VOTES OF THE THIRD DISTRICT, I
22 BELIEVE THIS PATTERN OF FINANCIALLY-MOTIVATED POLITICAL ABUSES
23 BY SANTA CLARITA AREA DEVELOPERS WILL NO LONGER CONTINUE AS IT
24 WILL NO LONGER BE EFFECTIVE. I SAY IT'S JUST A SIMPLE "PLEASE
25 VOTE NO." THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH? THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
3 DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OF ANYONE AT THE TABLE?

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

8

9 **DAVID ALTENBERG:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ONCE AGAIN, TO COUNTY COUNSEL, THE LEGAL
12 REQUIREMENTS IN YOUR REVIEW OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND
13 THE PROCESS IS FOR THIS BOARD HAS BEEN FOLLOWED AND NOW FOR
14 THE BOARD TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION?

15

16 **RICHARD WEISS:** YES, SUPERVISOR, WE BELIEVE THOSE LAWS HAVE
17 BEEN LAWFULLY COMPLIED WITH AND YOUR BOARD IS WITHIN ITS
18 AUTHORITY TO ACT ON THE PERMIT AND TO GRANT IT IF IT'S YOUR
19 DESIRE.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME POINT OUT, THAT WITH THIS PROPOSAL,
22 THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
23 HAS ALREADY APPROVED THE PROPOSED PLAN AND IT'S ENCOURAGING
24 THAT THE APPLICANT COMMENCE THE WORK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
25 ALSO, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEER HAS



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1 ALREADY APPROVED THE NECESSARY PERMIT FROM THE FEDERAL
2 GOVERNMENT. THE WORK ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED HABIT
3 RESTORATION HAS BEEN FULLY ANALYZED UNDER SEQUA. COMPLETION OF
4 THE HABITAT RESTORATION PLAN IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THE
5 CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL OF STEVENSON RANCH PHASES ONE, TWO, AND
6 THREE. THE PLAN INVOLVES THE INCIDENTAL REALIGNMENT OF PICO
7 CANYON ROAD. THE ACTION ENSURES THAT THE ROADWAY WILL NOT
8 EXTEND THROUGH THE DEGRADED RIPARIAN HABITAT THAT THE
9 APPLICANT IS RESTORING. THE DE-DESIGNATION OR RE-DESIGNATION
10 OF THE PICO CANYON ROAD REPRESENTS MERELY ONE POTENTIAL
11 REALIGNMENT OF THE ROADWAY, OF WHICH THEY ARE SEVERAL OTHER
12 OPTIONS. TODAY'S ACTION DEMONSTRATES THAT THE ROADWAY CAN BE
13 REALIGNED TO PERMIT THE PROPOSED HABITAT RESTORATION. PRIOR TO
14 ANY PHYSICAL CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXTENSION OF
15 PICO CANYON ROAD, A COMPLETE SEQUA REVIEW WILL BE MADE. GIVEN
16 THE PUBLIC BENEFITS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED HABITAT
17 RESTORATION PLAN, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY
18 APPROVED THE C.U.P. AND OAK TREE PERMIT REQUESTS, AND AGAIN,
19 THERE ARE NO OAK TREES THAT ARE BEING REMOVED. COMMISSIONERS
20 ENGAGED IN A CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION OF THOSE PROPOSED ACTIONS
21 AND THE ASSOCIATED IMPACTS TO THE ENVIRONMENT. AS WAS STATED,
22 THE WEST RANCH TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTING THE COMMUNITIES OF
23 STEVENSON RANCH, SUNSET POINT, AND WEST RANCH HAS SUBMITTED A
24 LETTER IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED RESTORATION PLAN. THREE
25 DIFFERENT ATTORNEYS IN THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE HAS



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1 REVIEWED THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE ADOPTED BY THE REGIONAL
2 PLANNING COMMISSION AND ALL THREE HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR
3 CONFIDENCE IN THE ADEQUACY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION.
4 THE APPLICANT HAS ENGAGED ALSO LEGAL COUNCIL FROM TWO SEPARATE
5 FIRMS, LAW FIRMS, TO REVIEW THE SEQUA CLEARANCE, AND BOTH OF
6 THOSE ATTORNEYS HAVE SUBMITTED SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT
7 OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION. SO I WOULD
8 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE APPEAL BE DENIED AND THAT THE BOARD
9 AFFIRM THE ACTION OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED AND SECONDED. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION?
12 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. AT THIS POINT, WHEN I GO BACK
13 TO THE SPECIALS, AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH -- WE HAVE AN 11:00
14 ITEM.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S 11:00 P.M. FOR THE PEOPLE WATCHING AT
17 HOME.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. LET ME TAKE UP ITEM NUMBER ONE
20 FIRST.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND MADAM CHAIR, AFTER TABULATING THE
23 BALLOTS A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY PROTEST
24 EXISTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED ANNEXATIONS OR ASSESSMENTS FOR
25 PETITION NUMBERS 92602 AND 98602.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AS A RESULT, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD ADOPT
3 THE RESOLUTION TO ANNEX AND LEVY ASSESSMENTS AND ACCEPT THE
4 EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM THE
5 ANNEXATION OF THE TERRITORY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
6 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. IF THERE -- WHAT IS
7 YOUR THINKING? WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR S-1, WHICH IS THE
8 DIRECTOR OF HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC SERVICE PHYSICAL FITNESS
9 WORKING GROUP, THEIR REPORT ON OBESITY, OR SHOULD WE PUT THIS
10 OVER?

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PUT IT OVER. MOVE WE PUT IT OVER.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, WE'LL
15 PUT OVER THAT REPORT, WHICH IS S-1, TO NEXT WEEK. AT 11:00,
16 WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** BRING ME A COUPLE OF MILKY WAYS. [LIGHT LAUGHTER
19]

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BEFORE HE DISAPPEARS. WHERE DID DR.
22 FIELDING GO?

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HE JUST DISAPPEARED, THAT WAS HIM.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HE'S RIGHT THERE?

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO HE JUST WALKED OUT.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THERE'S NO SET ITEM, WE'LL
6 CONTINUE THIS, WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE'LL CONTINUE S-1 TO 11:00,
7 AND THAT'S JULY 1ST, JULY 1ST AT 11:00. JULY 1ST AT 11:00. DO
8 YOU WANT TO PUT IT OVER FOR TWO WEEKS, THEN? WHEN DO YOU COME
9 BACK?

10

11 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** IT WOULD TAKE ONLY ABOUT TWO MINUTES
12 SUPERVISOR.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU WANT TO DO IT NOW? IS THAT IT?

15

16 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** IF THAT WOULD BE POSSIBLE IT WOULD AT
17 LEAST TAKE A COUPLE OF MINUTES.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD SOME -- WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO
20 LISTEN TO HIM FOR TWO MINUTES?

21

22 **SPEAKER:** (INAUDIBLE).

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT GO AHEAD.

25



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1 **DR. JONATHON FIELDING:** OH I HAVE TO ENDURE. JONATHON FIELDING,
2 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH OFFICER IN THE DEPARTMENT
3 OF HEALTH SERVICES. IN RESPONSE TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MAY
4 27TH AMENDED MOTION TO ASK THE EXISTING COUNTY WORK GROUP ON
5 NUTRITION AND FITNESS TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF WORK AND ADDRESS
6 THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OBESITY AND CHRONIC DISEASE, WE
7 BROUGHT THIS ISSUE TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHILDREN AND
8 YOUTH PHYSICAL FITNESS IMPLEMENTATION PLANNING GROUP IN ON MAY
9 28TH, WHEN IT HELD ITS FIRST MEETING. WE THEN REVIEWED
10 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION AND REVISED THE CHARGE TO
11 EXPAND THE SCOPE TO WORK ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OBESITY
12 AND CHRONIC DISEASE AMONG ADULTS, TO DEVELOP A BROAD-BASED
13 EFFORTS TO INFORM PEOPLE ABOUT OVERWEIGHT AND OBESITY CAUSING
14 CANCER, AND OTHER SERIOUS ILLNESSES. AND TO DEVELOP NOTICES TO
15 BE INSERTED IN EMPLOYEE PAYCHECKS FOR THREE MONTHS ABOUT THE
16 STATISTICS ON INFORMATION REGARDING OVERWEIGHT AND OBESITY
17 CAUSING CANCER AND OTHER ILLNESSES. THE PLANNING GROUP HAS NOW
18 CHANGED ITS NAME TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
19 NUTRITION TASK FORCE. WE ALSO CONTACTED THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
20 TO RESERVE DATES FOR MESSAGES TO BE INCLUDED IN EMPLOYEE
21 PAYCHECKS NOW SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 15TH, NOVEMBER 15TH, AND
22 DECEMBER 15TH. THE NEXT MEETING OF THIS TASK FORCE IS
23 SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 27TH, AND WE WILL DOING THAT DEVELOP
24 PAYCHECK MESSAGES, WORKING WITH STAFF, BEGIN A BROAD-BASED
25 EFFORT TO ACCURATELY INFORM PEOPLE ABOUT OVERWEIGHT AND



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1 CONTINUE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BLUE RIBBON
2 TASK FORTH ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH PHYSICAL FITNESS KEY
3 RECOMMENDATIONS.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ANY QUESTIONS? ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY
6 MUCH. NOW, ON 46, ARE THERE PEOPLE HERE TO SPEAK ON THE TRAUMA
7 CONTRACT? ARE YOU SUPPORTING IT? IF -- IS THERE A MOTION?

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL MOVE APPROVAL.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVE APPROVAL.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** SECOND.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED AND SECONDED, IS THERE ANY OBJECTION?
16 WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE TRAUMA CONTRACT IS APPROVED. CONTRACTS
17 ARE APPROVED. ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, WE'RE BACK TO
18 YOUR SPECIALS.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO, FOR NEXT WEEK, ON MARCH 20TH,
21 OUR BOARD APPROVED THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT IN
22 THE AMOUNT OF \$88,000 TO THE SAMUEL DIXON FAMILY HEALTH
23 CENTER, FUNDING THE ROOF REPLACEMENT AND TO PURCHASE AND
24 INSTALL A MODULAR BUILDING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES. AND THE
25 PROJECT HAS MET WITH A NUMBER OF DELAYS AS A RESULT OF



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1 DETERMINING THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH FIREPROOFING THE MODULAR
2 BUILDING. THUS, THE AGENCY HAS DECIDED TO BUILD A PERMANENT
3 STRUCTURE. TO BUILD SUCH A STRUCTURE A NUMBER OF ENVIRONMENTAL
4 TESTS HAVE BEEN REQUIRED, WHICH HAVE DELAYED THAT PROJECT. A
5 TIME EXTENSION TO JUNE 30TH, 2004, WOULD ENABLE THE
6 ENVIRONMENTAL TESTS AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT BE
7 COMPLETED. SO I'D LIKE TO DIRECT THE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY
8 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO AMEND THE ADVANCED CONTRACT 1008110
9 BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND SAMUEL DIXON FAMILY HEALTH CENTER TO
10 ADD A ONE-YEAR TIME EXTENSION FROM JULY 1, 2003, TO JUNE 30TH,
11 2004, AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE FORTH GOING
12 AMENDMENT TO BE EFFECTIVE FOLLOWING APPROVAL BY COUNTY COUNSEL
13 AND BY THE PARTIES THROUGH JUNE 30TH, 2004. THAT'S FOR NEXT
14 WEEK.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** FOR NEXT WEEK. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEN ITEM 12 WAS THE EFFORT TO SUPPORT
19 LEGISLATION. I KNOW THERE ARE A NUMBER OF BILLS THAT I
20 UNDERSTAND HAD BEEN INTRODUCED OR TALKED ABOUT IN SACRAMENTO
21 DEALING WITH THE ENFORCEMENT OF A PUBLIC SCHOOLS' REST ROOM,
22 AND WHILE THIS PARTICULAR BILL DID NOT PASS A PASSAGE, IT IS A
23 TWO-YEAR LEGISLATURE AND IT CAN STILL BE ENACTED, EITHER THIS
24 SESSION THROUGH A HIJACKING OF LEGISLATION OR ANOTHER BILL
25 NUMBER REINTRODUCED, SO I WOULD JUST SAY TO SUPPORT



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1 LEGISLATION AND DELETE SB-892 MURRAY, BECAUSE THE NEED FOR
2 THAT TYPE OF LEGISLATION IS STILL IMPORTANT.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND I WOULD JUST ASK THAT WE -- IF YOU CAN
5 ACCEPT THE AMENDMENT TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION AS CURRENTLY
6 DRAFTED.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S FINE.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BECAUSE IT DOESN'T REQUIRE -- IMPOSE A
11 REQUIREMENT ON US.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S FINE. SURE. SO AS AMENDED MADAM CHAIR.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. AS AMENDED, MOVED BY -- BY
16 ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
17 ORDERED.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THAT'S IT. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT A MINUTE, IS THIS ITEM 12 THAT I VOTED "NO"
24 ON?

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO YOU'RE VOTING "NO"?

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT

8 SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS VOTING "NO" ON THAT. THAT'S THE

9 INSPECTION OF THE REST ROOMS YEAH.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THAT'S ALL. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE HAD CHIEF FREEMAN, WHO WAS HERE EARLIER, BUT

16 HE HAD TO LEAVE, SO I WANT TO INTRODUCE A MOTION WITH REGARD

17 TO THE ISSUE OF THE RUN-AWAY TRAIN. ON FRIDAY, JUNE THE 20TH,

18 AT 12:01, A RUN-AWAY TRAIN OF APPROXIMATELY 30 RAIL CARS, MOST

19 OF WHICH WERE CARRYING LUMBER AND FREIGHT, DERAILED IN THE

20 CITY OF COMMERCE. 18 CARS WERE OVERTURNED AND 12 CIVILIANS

21 WERE INJURED, FIVE WERE TRANSPORTED TO LOCAL HOSPITALS.

22 CONFLICTING MEDIA ACCOUNTS REPORT THAT UNION PACIFIC

23 INTENTIONALLY DERAILED RAILCARS IN COMMERCE RATHER THAN IN A

24 MORE INDUSTRIALIZED, LESS RESIDENTIAL AREA. MOREOVER UNION

25 PACIFIC OFFICIALS FAILED TO NOTIFY THE CITY OR THE COUNTY



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1 OFFICIALS ABOUT THE DERAILMENT IN COMMERCE IN A TIMELY MANNER.
2 COUNTY SERVICES ARRIVED ON THE SCENE IMMEDIATELY WITH OVER A
3 HUNDRED FIRE FIGHTERS, TWO URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM TASK
4 FORCES AND TWO HAZARDOUS MATERIAL UNITS. OTHER COUNTY AGENCIES
5 RESPONDED TO THE DISASTER, INCLUDING LOS ANGELES COUNTY
6 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICE,
7 AS WELL AS OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. I
8 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE CHIEF
9 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL, THE FIRE CHIEF
10 AND THE SHERIFF TO PROVIDE IN TWO WEEKS A REPORT ABOUT THE
11 IMPACT OF THE UNION PACIFIC DERAILMENT IN COMMERCE AND
12 RECOMMEND HOW TO MANAGE SIMILAR SITUATIONS IN THE FUTURE. THE
13 REPORT SHOULD INCLUDE AN EXPLANATION OF WHEN RAILROAD AGENCIES
14 NEED TO NOTIFY LOCAL JURISDICTIONS. WHAT'S FRIGHTENING ABOUT
15 IT IS THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THESE TERROR THINGS THAT ARE
16 GOING ON, AND HERE YOU HAVE THIS UNCONTROLLED CARS, AND WE
17 STILL HAVEN'T GOTTEN THE STRAIGHT STORY ON IT. SO THAT'S FOR
18 TWO WEEKS FROM NOW. AND THEN I THINK THAT I -- ON MY OTHER
19 ITEMS, ALL OF THEM HAVE BEEN HEARD. I THINK ITEM NUMBER 49 WAS
20 HELD. RIGHT?

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. AND I'D LIKE TO CALL THAT UP.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, I THINK THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE
2 WHO SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON 49.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** PLEASE.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR THEM FIRST? ALL
7 RIGHT. KEVIN SMITH, ROGER GOMEZ, SANTIAGO LABORIEL. WOULD YOU
8 PLEASE COME FORWARD? PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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10 **SANTIAGO LABORIEL:** MY NAME IS SANTIAGO LABORIEL. MAY I BEGIN?
11 I AM A TEACHER, I AM A PREACHER, I AM A TEACHER AT CERRITOS
12 COLLEGE, I AM A TEACHER AT A.T.S. A MEMORIAL TROUBLE STUDENTS
13 SCHOOL, FUNDED MY OWN SCHOOL, TRAINED MECHANICS BEFORE
14 LEAVING. I'M ALSO A MECHANIC. AT THE SAME TIME, I WORK WITH
15 THE COMMUNITY VERY CLOSELY. THE REASON WHY I'M HERE IS THAT
16 YOU MAY PAY ATTENTION TO THIS ISSUE. IT IS NOT AN ISSUE THAT
17 IS JUST BEGINNING; IT IS AN ISSUE THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE FOR A
18 LONG TIME. I AM REQUESTING OF YOU NOT TO GRANT THIS CONTRACT
19 TO THIS COMPANY KNOWN AS JOHNSON CONTROL JUST LIKELY. NOT THAT
20 THE COMPANY IS A BAD COMPANY, BUT WE HAVE ACHIEVED SO MUCH
21 WITH THE CURRENT COMPANY. THE COMPANY KNOWN AS P.C.A. PARKING
22 COMPANY OF AMERICA EMPLOYS MECHANICS. YOU SEE THOSE GUYS THERE
23 IN BLUE? CAN YOU SEE THEM? THOSE GUYS ON YOUR LEFT-HAND SIDE,
24 THOSE ARE THE GUYS THAT FIX YOUR CARS. THE GUYS THAT FIX YOUR
25 VEHICLES. THEY ARE IN CHARGE OF FIXING TRASH TRUCKS, DOG POUND



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1 VEHICLES, POLICE CARS, AMBULANCES. WE ARE DOING THAT WITH OUR
2 BARE HANDS. WE ARE DOING THAT, TRAINING OURSELVES. WE ARE
3 DOING THAT, WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE UNION, WITH THE COMPANY.
4 WE ARE DOING THAT WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE COMPANY KNOWN AS
5 P.C.A., WHICH IS OWNED BY MR. CHAVEZ. THAT IS A FAMILY-
6 OPERATED COMPANY. THEY HAVE GIVEN US THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRAIN
7 OURSELVES AND TO GROW. WITH THE HELP OF THE UNION, WE HAVE
8 ACHIEVED A GREAT THING OF 25 CENTS A YEAR RAISE. SOME OF THE
9 MECHANICS THAT HAVE WORKED THERE HAVE WORKED FOR YEARS. LAST
10 YEAR, WE LOST TWO MECHANICS WHO DIED AT THE AGE OF 60, ONE OF
11 THEM; THE OTHER ONE AT THE AGE OF 50, MAKING \$12 AN HOUR,
12 WORKING LONG SHIFTS. NOW, THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT HAPPENS ALL
13 OVER THE COUNTRY WITH MECHANICS. HERE IN THE COUNTY, HERE IN
14 THIS PLACE, YOU ARE ABOUT TO ALLOW A COMPANY TO TAKE A
15 CONTRACT, TAKING A CUT OF SAVING A FEW MILLION DOLLARS, BUT WE
16 DON'T KNOW WHAT THE ISSUE OR WHAT THE RESULTS WILL BE. WHAT
17 ARE WE AFRAID OF? WE ARE AFRAID THAT THE NEW COMPANY THAT WILL
18 TAKE OVER IS GOING TO AFFECT OUR PAYCHECKS, IT IS GOING TO
19 DESTROY EVERYTHING WE HAVE WORKED SO FAR TO ACHIEVE IN THESE
20 LAST FIVE YEARS, WHICH IS WORKING WITH THE UNION. THE MOMENT
21 THAT JOHNSON CONTROL TAKES OVER, THEY WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO
22 ELIMINATE THE UNION AND ALSO TO CHOOSE MECHANICS. DO YOU WANT
23 TO KNOW WHAT KIND OF MECHANICS PEOPLE CHOOSE WHEN IT COMES TO
24 CHOOSING? THEY CHOOSE MECHANICS WHO ARE YOUNG, STRONG, AND
25 CERTIFIED, AND IF THEY ARE GIVEN THE CHOICE, THEY GET RID OF



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1 THE OLD AND THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO WORK AS FAST.

2 THE UNION PROTECT US OF THAT. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

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6 **ROGER GOMEZ:** MY NAME'S ROGER GOMEZ. I'M AN EMPLOYEE FROM
7 P.C.A. I HAVE SOME MATTERS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS, AND I
8 HAVE A SPEECH READY FOR YOU. THE OTHER DAY, A LADY CAME TO ME
9 AND SAID, "I KNOW YOU. YOUR ISSUES ARE VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE
10 YOUR SAFETY -- MY SAFETY IS IN YOUR HANDS, AND THANKS TO YOUR
11 SKILLS, I AM ABLE TO GO HOME SAFELY IN MY CAR." THIS IS MY
12 JOB. BESIDES PROVIDING ME WITH INCOME, IT HELPS ME TO FEEL
13 GOOD ABOUT MYSELF. IT GIVES ME SELF-RESPECT, ALLOWS ME TO BE A
14 PRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF SOCIETY, BUT FOR ME AND MANY TODAY, JOB
15 SECURITY AND SATISFACTIONS ARE NOT -- ARE BEING UNDER SIEGED.
16 THESE DAYS, IT IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE TO GET ALONG,
17 ESPECIALLY AT WORK, SO TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR EVERYONE, IT IS
18 BEST TO HAVE A WRITTEN AGREEMENT TO GO BY. A UNION CONTRACT. I
19 WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER A FEW MOMENTS THE BENEFITS THAT
20 COME WHEN UNIONS AND COMPANIES WORK TOGETHER. THREE BENEFITS:
21 JOB SECURITY, BALANCE OF POWER, AND EMPLOYEE GUIDELINES.
22 NUMBER ONE. THE CONTRACT BALANCES POWER BETWEEN MANAGEMENT AND
23 EMPLOYEES. THIS AGREEMENT PREVENTS MANAGEMENT FROM FIRING
24 PEOPLE UNTIL -- WITHOUT JUST CAUSE. THE CONTRACT ALLOWS
25 REASONABLE RAISES, NO WAGE CUTS. THE AGREEMENT HELPS BOTH



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1 MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEES IN GRIEVANCE PROCESSES AND EVEN
2 PROVIDES ARBITRATION, IF NEEDED. NUMBER TWO, THE CONTRACT
3 COUNTS MANAGEMENT BY MANAGING EMPLOYEES GUIDELINES. THE
4 CONTRACT HELPS IDENTIFY JOBS CLASSIFICATIONS AND DUTIES. THIS
5 WAY, YOU GET PAID FOR WHAT YOU WERE HIRED FOR. THE CONTRACT
6 PROVIDES GUIDELINES FOR DISCIPLINE, AS WE ALL KNOW, THE UNRULY
7 EMPLOYEE NEEDS THE RULES AND THE CONSEQUENCES. THE CONTRACT
8 PROVIDES OVERTIME ON SENIORITY BASIS FOR HELPING TO HELP
9 DECREASE THE BACKLOG OF CARS AND TO PROVIDE AN ORGANIZED WAY
10 TO RECALL EMPLOYEES IN AN EMERGENCY. THREE, JOB SECURITY. THE
11 CONTRACT OR WRITTEN AGREEMENT PROVIDES ASSISTANCE IN INJURED
12 EMPLOYEES. THE CONTRACT PROVIDES INSURANCE BENEFITS AT A LOW
13 COST. AS WE ALL KNOW, INSURANCE RATES ARE SKYROCKETING, AND WE
14 NEED AN AGREEMENT TO KEEP THE COSTS LOW. THESE POINTS HELP
15 BOTH MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEES. INSIDE THE AGREEMENT OR
16 CONTRACT, EVERY EMPLOYEE KNOWS HE HAS A JOB TO GO TO EVERY
17 DAY. THE POINT IS, YOU'VE GOT A JOB. I USED TO WORK FOR A
18 COMPANY THAT UNDERBID TO KEEP THE CONTRACT, BUT IN ORDER TO
19 KEEP THE CONTRACT, THEY HAD TO CUT COSTS. SO, TUESDAY MORNING,
20 MY SUPERVISORS TOLD ME FRIDAY WOULD BE MY LAST DAY. I WAS NOT
21 THE ONLY ONE THAT WAS LAID OFF. THIS COMPANY DIDN'T CARE ABOUT
22 MY HOUSE PAYMENT, SUPPORTING MY WIFE AND MY KIDS, OR ALSO THE
23 FOUR-DOLLAR PAY CUT THAT I HAD TO TAKE, AND I HAD TO TAKE
24 ANOTHER EMPLOYMENT, ANOTHER SECOND JOB TO MAKE UP THE
25 DIFFERENCE. ALL THEY CARED ABOUT WAS THE CONTRACT AND WHAT



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1 THEY COULD DO TO GET IT. THIS COMPANY WAS CALLED JOHNSON
2 CONTROL. PLEASE, DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN AGAIN. I AM A SKILLED
3 UNION WORKER THAT WANTS TO KEEP HIS JOB. I AM NOT THE ONLY
4 ONE. SO WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE NUMBERS, KEEP IN MIND THE PEOPLE
5 THAT THIS IS GOING TO AFFECT. THANK YOU, BOARD MEMBERS.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'D ALSO LIKE TO ASK PETER DUBRAWSKI AND
10 ALEX CHAVES TO COME FORWARD. YES, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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12 **KEVIN SMITH:** YEAH. MY NAME IS KEVIN SMITH, AND I'M A
13 REPRESENTATIVE OF JOHNSON CONTROLS, AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO
14 THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME HERE, AND I WILL KEEP MY
15 COMMENTS BRIEF. WE ARE A LARGE COMPANY. WE DO HAVE THOUSANDS
16 OF SHAREHOLDERS AND EMPLOYEES IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND
17 HUNDREDS IN L.A., INCLUDING THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY RESPONSIBLE
18 FOR TAKING CARE OF THE SHERIFF'S VEHICLES, AND THAT CONTRACT
19 WHICH INCLUDES FLEET AND VEHICLE MAINTENANCE. I REALLY WANT TO
20 TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE CONTRACT. THE CONTRACT THAT THE
21 COUNTY PUT OUT AND BID A CONTRACT, IT WAS FAIRLY BID. JOHNSON
22 CONTROLS HAS EXPENDED THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS, TENS OF THOUSANDS
23 OF DOLLARS AND PROBABLY IN THE SIX FIGURES TO BID THAT
24 CONTRACT, WHICH WE DID. THE COUNTY FAIRLY BID THAT CONTRACT
25 AND AWARDED IT TO JOHNSON CONTROLS, AND THEN WE COMMITTED



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1 ADDITIONAL DOLLARS TO MOVE FORWARD AND PREPARE FOR A
2 TRANSITION, BECAUSE IT TAKES DOZENS OF PEOPLE AND HUMAN
3 RESOURCES PEOPLE TO COME ON SITE TO TRANSITION A CONTRACT. AND
4 WE'RE CONTINUING TO EXPEND THAT MONEY TODAY. THE DELAYS UP TO
5 THIS POINT OVER THE LAST FOUR WEEKS HAS COST US ABOUT \$25,000.
6 I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT IT'S COST THE COUNTY, THE
7 LOS ANGELES COUNTY THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS THROUGH
8 THE DELAY FOR A CONTRACT WHICH WAS BID AND WAS SELECTED AND IS
9 JUST WAITING TO BE AWARDED, BECAUSE WE SHOULD BE IN THE MIDDLE
10 OF A TRANSITION AT THIS POINT. WHAT I THINK YOU SHOULD BE MOST
11 CONCERNED WITH, AND I FEEL THE PASSION OF THE EMPLOYEES THAT
12 CAME UP HERE AND TALKED ABOUT, WHAT YOU SHOULD BE MOST
13 CONCERNED WITH IS THEIR CONCERNS. THEY CLEARLY EXPRESS
14 CONCERNS OVER THEIR JOBS, AND THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO DO THAT.
15 ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS THAT WE DO IS TO GET PEOPLE IN HERE TO
16 TALK TO THESE EMPLOYEES ABOUT THEIR BENEFITS, ABOUT THEIR PAY,
17 AND WE TRY TO GET THESE PEOPLE TO BE JOHNSON CONTROLS
18 EMPLOYEES. THIS DELAY HAS PUT THESE PEOPLE AND ALL OF THE
19 PEOPLE THAT ARE REPRESENTED HERE AND PLUS THERE ARE PROBABLY
20 80 THAT ARE NOT HERE IN LIMBO THAT ARE WAITING TO FIND OUT
21 WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN WITH THEIR JOBS. WE SHOULD BE -- HAVE
22 ALREADY HAD HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH THESE EMPLOYEES ABOUT THEIR
23 BENEFITS, AND IT'S NOT FAIR FOR THEM FOR THIS TO CONTINUE,
24 BECAUSE AS I SAID, WE ARE READY TO TALK TO THEM. SO I'M HERE,
25 AND LIKE I SAID, I'LL KEEP MY COMMENTS BRIEF, TO REAFFIRM MY



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1 COMPANY'S COMMITMENT TO HONOR OUR CONTRACT THAT WE BID AND
2 PROPOSED, AND WE WILL DELIVER THAT CONTRACT AS WE SPECIFIED. I
3 ALSO WANT TO SAY TO THE EMPLOYEES ON THAT CONTRACT, IT IS OUR
4 INTENTION OF PICKING UP ALL THOSE INCUMBENT EMPLOYEES. WE ARE
5 BIDDING NOT ONE PERSON OUTSIDE THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA OR
6 OUTSIDE THE COUNTY OF L.A. OUR INTENTION, THE ONLY PERSON THAT
7 WE'RE BRINGING IN IS A MANAGER OVER THAT PROJECT, AND HE IS
8 FROM THIS COUNTY. WE ARE BIDDING NO ONE ELSE. OUR INTENTION IS
9 TO HIRE ALL OF THE TALENTED, QUALIFIED PEOPLE THAT ARE ALREADY
10 ON THERE, AND I THINK THAT THEY'RE GOING TO FIND OUT THAT THE
11 BENEFITS ARE COMPARABLE, IF NOT BETTER THAN WHAT THEY'RE
12 CURRENTLY GETTING TODAY. AS FAR AS THE RISK TO THE COUNTY OF
13 LOS ANGELES, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THERE'S LITTLE OR NO RISK
14 FROM YOUR STANDPOINT. WE'RE A LARGE CORPORATION, WE'VE BEEN
15 AROUND 118 YEARS. ONE OF OUR CORE VALUES IS OUR PEOPLE AND OUR
16 INTEGRITY, AND LIKE I SAID, WE WILL HONOR OUR CONTRACT AND WE
17 WILL INVOLVE THOSE PEOPLE, BUT I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT THERE'S
18 LITTLE RISK FOR THE EMPLOYEES, NOT ONLY THAT ARE HERE, BUT
19 THOSE THAT ARE ON THE SITE. WE INTEND ON BRINGING THOSE
20 INCUMBENT EMPLOYEES ON BOARD, WE INTEND ON OFFERING THEM
21 BENEFITS, AND THE BENEFITS THEY CAN GET FROM A JOHNSON
22 CONTROLS IS JOB OFFERS THAT ARE NOT ONLY ON THE L.A. COUNTY
23 SHERIFF'S, WE HAVE OPENINGS THERE, BUT OPENINGS ALL ACROSS THE
24 COUNTRY AND ALL ACROSS THE WORLD. AND SO THOSE JOB
25 OPPORTUNITIES ARE OPEN TO THEM. OUR TRAINING RESOURCES ARE



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1 OPEN TO THEM, AND YOU CAN JUST FIND OUT FROM TALKING TO THE
2 EMPLOYEES THAT WE HAVE ON THE SHERIFF'S ACCOUNT THAT WE TRAIN
3 THEM AND WE REWARD THEM FOR ACCOMPLISHING CERTAIN TRAININGS.
4 SO THERE'S LITTLE RISK FROM THEM. SO I'M JUST ASKING AND
5 REQUESTING AND PLEADING WITH YOU THAT IT IS EXPENSIVE FOR US
6 TO CONTINUE IN WAITING WHILE IT HAS TAKEN A MONTH OR SO TO
7 AWARD THIS, BUT THE PEOPLE THAT I HOPE THAT YOU'RE MOST
8 CONCERNED WITH IS THE EMPLOYEES THAT ARE SITTING OUT THERE AND
9 WAITING FOR US TO COME IN AND TRANSITION, TO COMMUNICATE THE
10 FACT THAT THEY DO HAVE A JOB AND THAT THEY DO HAVE BENEFITS.
11 THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. STATE YOUR NAME,
14 PLEASE.

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16 **PETER DUBRAWSKI:** MY NAME IS PETER DUBRAWSKI, AND I HAVE THE
17 PRIVILEGE OF REPRESENTING THE PARKING COMPANY OF AMERICA, AND
18 I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU ON
19 THESE ISSUES.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES. ALEX CHAVES, JR., YOU'RE HERE, AND
22 LINDA AMPARA. WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME UP? YES. YES.

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24 **PETER DUBRAWSKI:** I'M SORRY. I REITERATE THAT I APPRECIATE THE
25 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH YOU THIS AFTERNOON. P.C.A.'S



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1 CONCERNS ABOUT THE PROPOSED CONTRACT IS THAT ALONG WITH THE
2 R.F.P. PROCESS, IT REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT DEPARTURE FROM
3 THIS BOARD'S PHILOSOPHY, POLICY, AND APPROACH TO AWARDING
4 THESE TYPES OF CONTRACTS FOR THIS TYPE OF SERVICE. THE
5 POTENTIAL FOR GREAT AND AS YET UNKNOWN COSTS TO THE COUNTY
6 WITHOUT LIMITATIONS EXISTS. OUR POSITION HAS ALWAYS BEEN THAT,
7 FROM THE BEGINNING, THE ENTIRE PROCESS, STARTING WITH THE
8 R.F.P., WAS FLAWED BECAUSE IT IS BASED ON ASSUMPTIONS THAT DO
9 NOT EXIST, AND IS WITHOUT ANY BASIS OR STUDY TO DETERMINE THE
10 EFFECT AND ULTIMATELY THE COST TO THE COUNTY. THE MOST
11 IMPORTANT BASIS FOR THIS IS THAT THE CONTRACT CALLS FOR 3,700
12 VEHICLES. THERE AREN'T 3,700 VEHICLES, AND WE'RE NOT TALKING
13 ABOUT BEING OFF BY A FACTOR OF A COUPLE HUNDRED OR 10%; WE'RE
14 TALKING ABOUT A FULL THIRD OF THOSE, ON AVERAGE. AND ON THE
15 BEST DAY WE SEE ABOUT 2,500 VEHICLES, AND THAT'S BASED ON FIVE
16 YEARS OF ACTUAL EXPERIENCE ON THIS CONTRACT AND DOING THE WORK
17 HERE. THERE ARE SOME CARS ON SOME OF THE ROLLS THAT WE HAVE
18 NEVER SEEN IN THOSE FIVE YEARS. THE CONTRACT IS GOING TO BE
19 BASED ON 3,700 VEHICLES. NOW THE COUNTY HAS ALL SORTS OF
20 LEVERAGES IN THE R.F.P. PROCESS AND EXACTING CONCESSIONS IN
21 THE -- EFFECTIVELY THE NEGOTIATION FOR THE CONTRACT, BUT ONCE
22 THIS CONTRACT IS SIGNED THE COUNTY'S GOING TO BE HELD
23 ACCOUNTABLE FOR 3,700 VEHICLES UNDER THE GOOD -- THE COVENANT
24 OF GOOD FAITH AND FAIR DEALING, THE COUNTY IS GOING TO END UP
25 PAYING FOR THAT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. NOW THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF



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1 VEHICLES AFFECTS THE PROPOSAL BECAUSE THERE ARE FIXED OVERHEAD
2 WHICH HAVE TO BE SPREAD OVER THE PARTICULAR NUMBER OF
3 VEHICLES, AND IF THE COST PER VEHICLE IS MORE, BECAUSE THERE
4 ARE FEWER VEHICLES, THEN SOMEBODY'S GOING TO HAVE TO BEAR THAT
5 COST. IS IT GOING TO BE THE VENDOR? NOT AS THE CONTRACT IS
6 WRITTEN. THE CONTRACT PROVIDES FOR ANNUAL NEGOTIATIONS.
7 INDEED, THE SAMPLE CONTRACT WAS PART OF THE R.F.P. CALLED FOR
8 THE RENEGOTIATION AT THE END OF THE FIRST YEAR TO INCREASE
9 LABOR COSTS IN ORDER TO RECOVER INVESTMENT BY THE VENDOR FOR A
10 INFRASTRUCTURE, THINGS LIKE BUILDING AND UTILITIES AND THINGS
11 OF THAT NATURE. BUT THE -- PROBABLY THE MOST SIGNIFICANT
12 DEPARTURE FROM THE COUNTY POLICY IS THE STRUCTURE FOR PAYMENT
13 IN THIS CONTRACT. THIS IS A PURELY FEE-FOR-SERVICE CONTRACT.
14 UP TO THIS POINT IN TIME, THE CONTRACTS -- CERTAINLY THE
15 CONTRACTS THAT IS IN EXISTENCE IS A FIXED FEE CONTRACT. THE
16 CONTRACT THAT THIS BOARD WORKED ON A LITTLE MORE THAN A YEAR
17 AGO FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS A FIXED FEE CONTRACT, AND IT
18 PROVIDES FOR A CAP OR A LIMIT BY WHICH THE COUNTY CAN
19 DETERMINE THAT -- A LIMIT THAT IT WILL NOT GO BEYOND. THIS
20 CONTRACT IS A SIMPLE FEE-FOR-SERVICE CONTRACT, AND IT IS OPEN-
21 ENDED AND THERE IS NO CAP ON IT. NOW, WE HAVE AN AGING FLEET
22 IN THIS COUNTY, SO THIS COULD BE SIGNIFICANT. HOW SIGNIFICANT?
23 NO ONE KNOWS, AND THAT'S PRECISELY OUR POINT AT THIS POINT.
24 OUR EXPERIENCE IS THAT THIS FEE-FOR-SERVICE APPROACH DOESN'T
25 WORK. WE HAVE A HYBRID CONTRACT. IT WAS FIXED FEE. THERE IS A



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1 FEE FOR SERVICE COMPONENT TO IT. THERE HAS BEEN A SHIFT
2 TOWARDS THE FIXED FEE -- OR I SHOULD SAY THE FEE-FOR-SERVICE
3 APPROACH IN THIS, AND WHAT IS HAPPENING IS THE CARS ARE NOT
4 BEING BROUGHT IN FOR SERVICING. THE RESULT, THE CARS AREN'T
5 GOING TO BE MAINTAINED. THE COUNTY HAS AN INVESTMENT IN THESE
6 VEHICLES THAT IS NOT GOING TO BE TAKEN CARE OF AND IS GOING TO
7 REQUIRE TURNOVER IN THE VEHICLES MORE QUICKLY. THERE COULD BE
8 EXPOSURE FOR LIABILITY CLAIMS BOTH IN THE WORKERS'
9 COMPENSATION CONCEPT AND THIRD-PARTY CONCEPT, AND IT ALSO, BY
10 VIRTUE OF THIS EFFECTIVELY FEE-FOR-SERVICE, THIS EFFECTIVELY
11 OPEN ENTERPRISE SITUATION IS THAT IT CAUSES SOME OF THE COUNTY
12 DEPARTMENTS TO GO OUTSIDE THE SYSTEM BECAUSE THEY CAN GO AND
13 GET THEIR CARS FIXED CHEAPER. THESE COSTS ISSUES ARE LARGELY
14 THE RESULT OF A MARKUP THAT'S PUT ON THERE, ON THE FIXED FEE
15 APPROACH. THE MARKUP IS INCLUDED. THE COST IS THE COST,
16 INCLUDING THAT MARKUP, BUT IN A FEE-FOR-SERVICE, THE MARKUP IS
17 GOING TO BE PUT ON WHATEVER THAT COST IS. AND INDEED, IF YOU
18 TAKE THE CAR OUT OF THE SYSTEM, YOU TAKE IT OUT OF THE ACTUAL
19 CONTRACTOR THAT 40% IS REAL MONEY AS OPPOSED TO SIMPLY CHARGE-
20 BACKS THROUGH THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY,
21 THIS FEE-FOR-SERVICE APPROACH THAT WE ARE WORKING UNDER NOW
22 DOESN'T WORK. THE VOLUME ISN'T THERE. THE CARS ARE NOT BEING -
23 - COMING IN, SO IT'S GOING TO BE -- END UP BEING TOO
24 EXPENSIVE. WE'VE GOT QUESTIONS, AND I THINK RESPECTFULLY YOU
25 SHOULD, TOO. YOU KNOW, WHY WAS THERE A CHANGE FROM FIXED FEE



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1 TO FEE-FOR-SERVICE? ON WHAT INFORMATION IS IT BASED? WHAT IS
2 THE COUNTY'S ACTUAL EXPERIENCE IN THIS REGARD? WHAT COULD IT
3 COST? WHAT STUDY SHOWS THAT IT WAS A GOOD IDEA TO GO TO FEE-
4 FOR-SERVICE AS OPPOSED TO THE FIXED FEE APPROACH? THERE IS NO
5 INFORMATION OR BASIS FOR THIS. P.C.A.'S CONCERNS HAVE ALWAYS
6 BEEN POLICY ISSUES. WE WENT TO THE PROTEST BOARD, THEY DEALT
7 WITH THE R.F.P. AS IT WAS WRITTEN, AND INDEED THEY
8 ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE CONCERNS HAD TO DO WITH POLICY ISSUES
9 WHICH HAD TO BE BROUGHT TO THIS BODY TO DECIDE. AND WHAT WE'RE
10 TALKING ABOUT IS THE POLICY OF THIS BOARD. WE ARE IN A
11 SIGNIFICANT BUDGET AND FINANCIAL CRISIS, THAT GOES WITHOUT
12 SAYING, WHAT WE THINK IS IMPORTANT IS THAT THE COUNTY KNOWS
13 WHAT IT'S GOING TO COST TO FIX THEIR VEHICLES. THE WORDING OF
14 THE PROPOSAL SHOWS AN ESTIMATED \$5.3 MILLION AND SOME CHANGE.
15 ESTIMATED, THERE'S NO FIXED, THERE'S NO CAP ON THIS THING.
16 NOW, AS A TAXPAYER, MY PERSONAL VIEW IS THAT THIS OUGHT TO BE
17 THROWN OUT AND STARTED OVER, BUT AT THE VERY LEAST, AT THE
18 VERY LEAST, AND THERE IS NO HURRY BECAUSE THERE'S A SIX-MONTH
19 EXTENSION ON THE CURRENT EXISTING CONTRACT, AT THE VERY LEAST,
20 THIS SHOULD NOT BE MADE -- A DECISION THAT IS MADE HASTILY.
21 THIS SHOULD TAKE TIME, STUDY THIS, HAVE AN INDEPENDENT ENTITY
22 STUDY THE FIGURES. WE HAVE CHARTS AND GRAPHS WHICH YOU CAN --
23 WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR REVIEW WHICH WILL SHOW WHAT OUR
24 EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN IN TERMS OF WHAT THE FIXED FEE CARS HAVE



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1 BEEN, WITH THE ACTUAL VEHICLES THAT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT IN, AND
2 WHAT WE CALL THE GHOST FLEET --

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I JUST INTERRUPT FOR A SECOND?

5

6 **PETER DUBRAWSKI:** YES SIR.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HAVE WE -- NO IT'S NOT WHAT HE SAID, HE SAID
9 THAT WE HAVE EXTENDED IT, MAYBE HE MEANT TO SAY, OR MAYBE I
10 MISHEARD. WE HAVE NOT EXTENDED ANY CONTRACT BY SIX MONTHS AT
11 THIS POINT HAVE WE?

12

13 **PETER DUBRAWSKI:** I APOLOGIZE, IF I -- NO --

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO I JUST WANT TO BE CLEAR, OKAY.

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17 **PETER DUBRAWSKI:** THE CONTRACT TERMINATES AT THE END OF JULY
18 SIR.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THE OTHER THING I WANTED TO JUST ASK ON
21 YOUR POINT IS DID THE R.F.P. REQUIRE THAT YOU BID A FEE FOR
22 SERVICE?

23

24 **PETER DUBRAWSKI:** YES. THAT'S WHAT THE R.F.P. REQUIRES.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID YOU RAISE THAT ISSUE WHEN YOU RESPONDED
2 TO THE R.F.P. OR?

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4 **PETER DUBRAWSKI:** WELL WE RAISED 300 -- THERE WERE 361
5 QUESTIONS, OVER 300 OF WHICH WERE OURS BUT WE GOT BACK --

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN DID YOU RAISE THOSE 300 QUESTIONS?

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9 **PETER DUBRAWSKI:** DURING THE BIDDING PROCESS, SIR. BUT IT --
10 THIS GETS BACK TO THE WHOLE CONCEPT, THESE ARE POLICY ISSUES.
11 WE WEREN'T ALLOWED -- WE WERE INSTRUCTED NOT TO DO ANYTHING
12 VERBALLY, EITHER WITH I.S.D. OR WITH THIS BODY UNTIL THIS
13 POINT IN TIME, SO WE'VE GONE THROUGH THE PROCESS AND WE STILL
14 END UP AT WHAT REALLY AMOUNTS TO A POLICY ISSUE.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO --

17

18 **PETER DUBRAWSKI:** IF I MAY JUST BRIEFLY FINISH. OUR CONCEPT
19 HERE OR OUR SUGGESTION AT THE VERY LEAST IS WE TAKE THE TIME
20 AND GET AN INDEPENDENT STUDY. WE'LL HAPPILY SHARE OUR
21 INFORMATION, GET THE INFORMATION ANYWHERE YOU WANT, BUT MY
22 POINT WITH THE SIX MONTHS IS THERE'S -- THERE WOULD BE THE
23 OPPORTUNITY TO DO THIS WITH PLENTY OF TIME TO STUDY IT
24 PROPERLY BY THIS BOARD. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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3 **SUP. MOLINA:** MADAM CHAIR, MAY I INTERRUPT AT THIS TIME IN THE
4 TESTIMONY? 'CAUSE I JUST WANT TO ASK SOME CLARIFYING
5 QUESTIONS. AND DAVID, MAYBE YOU CAN HELP ME WITH IT. DO WE
6 NEED I.S.D. TO ANSWER SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS. OKAY, CAN THEY
7 COME? MAYBE THEY COULD SIT RIGHT HERE. BECAUSE I'M TRYING TO
8 UNDERSTAND IN -- AS TO HOW THIS IS OPERATING. WHEN -- IN -- ON
9 PAGE 3 OF THE LETTER THAT YOU SENT TO US, IT SAYS THAT THE
10 ANNUAL CONTRACT COST, AND THEN IT OUTLINES IT HERE, IS
11 APPROXIMATELY 5.4 MILLION. RIGHT? IS THIS INCLUDE THE 40%
12 MARKUP THAT IS DONE BY I.S.D.?

13

14 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I'M DAVE
15 LAMBERTSON, I'M THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNAL SERVICES
16 DEPARTMENT. SUPERVISOR, NO, IT DOES IS NOT.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THE ACTUAL COSTS THAT IT'S GOING TO COST THE
19 COUNTY FOR THE REPAIR OF THESE VEHICLES IS GOING TO BE 10.6
20 MILLION, OR 10 MILLION?

21

22 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** THAT IS THE COST THAT WILL BE BILLED TO
23 DEPARTMENTS, IT'S AN ESTIMATE BASED ON THE NUMBER OF HOURS
24 THAT WILL BE SERVICED.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT, BECAUSE AGAIN, I'M NOT SURE, IT SEEMS
2 TO ME THAT A -- THE ISSUE THAT WAS DECIDED, AND AGAIN, NOT BY
3 THIS BOARD, BUT BY I.S.D., WHICH MAY BE FINE, IS A FEE FOR
4 SERVICE, MAKES AN AWFUL LOT OF SENSE. IT SEEMS AS THOUGH THAT
5 MAKES ECONOMICAL SENSE FOR US.

6

7 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** YES.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT I'M WONDERING HOW THAT REALLY WORKS FROM THE
10 STANDPOINT OF THE CONTRACTOR. NOW, THIS CONTRACTOR OF COURSE
11 HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT THIS FEE-FOR-SERVICE, THEY HAVE A FIXED
12 RATE -- IS THAT CORRECT? THEY HAVE A FIXED RATE THAT THEY ARE
13 GOING TO BE CHARGING FOR THE REPAIRS THAT ARE BEING MADE.

14

15 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** FOR THE BULK OF THE CONTRACT THERE'S A FIXED
16 HOURLY RATE BASED ON THE CLASS OF MECHANIC THAT THEY'RE
17 BILLING US.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT, OTHER -- THE ONLY THING THAT WE REALLY OWE
20 THEM IS THE FIXED ANNUAL MANAGEMENT FEES AND EQUIPMENT OF
21 \$264,000 A YEAR.

22

23 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** AND \$13,000 FOR CAR WASHES.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT, AND \$15,000 FOR A CAR WASH?



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2 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** YEAH CAR WASHES.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** FOR A CAR WHAT?

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6 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** CAR WASHES.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** EVEN IF THEY DON'T DO THEM?

9

10 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** NO, NO, IT'S \$10 A POP, WE ESTIMATE THAT
11 THERE'S GOING TO BE 13,000.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT -- I KNOW BUT THIS -- THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING,
14 ON A FEE FOR A SERVICE IT'S LIKE ANYTHING ELSE, YOU ARE NOW
15 DOING IT ON THAT THEY WILL COME.

16

17 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** NO. I'D LIKE TO ADD SOME CLARIFICATION TO
18 WHAT MR. DUBRAWSKI INDICATED. AS WE SIT TODAY, UNDER THE
19 CURRENT CONTRACT, 96% OF OUR VEHICLES ARE FEE-FOR-SERVICE.
20 ONLY 4% ARE FIXED FEE. THE CONTRACT THAT WAS SIGNED IN 1996
21 AND SUBSEQUENTLY ASSUMED BY P.C.A. ALLOWED DEPARTMENTS THE
22 OPTION OF HAVING THEIR CARS REPAIRED ON A FIXED FEE BASIS,
23 WHICH MEANS THAT YOU PAID A FIXED AMOUNT FOR YOUR CAR,
24 REGARDLESS OF THE LEVEL OF REPAIRS YOU HAD UNTIL YOU HIT A
25 CAP, AND THEN ONCE YOU HIT THAT CAP, YOU PAY FOR A FEE-FOR-



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1 SERVICE BASIS OR TO HAVE THEIR CARS FIXED ON A FEE-FOR-SERVICE
2 BASIS. IN 2000 WE ENGAGED A CONSULTANT TO STUDY MANY ASPECTS
3 OF OUR FLEET OPERATIONS INCLUDING OUR BILLING ARRANGEMENTS.
4 THAT CONTRACTOR RECOMMENDED THAT WE GO FEE-FOR-SERVICE, 'CAUSE
5 THE COUNTY WOULD SAVE MONEY AND DEPARTMENTS WOULD HAVE GREATER
6 CONTROL OVER THEIR VEHICLE EXPENSES. IN ADDITION, IT WOULD
7 ACCOUNT FOR CHANGES IN FLEET COMPOSITION UNDER FIXED FEE, FOR
8 EXAMPLE --

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT WAIT. YOU'RE -- I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE
11 TELLING ME AND I'M SURE --

12

13 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** OKAY.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU WANT TO ADD SOME STUFF SOME STUFF HERE, BUT
16 I'M REALLY, I'M NOT --

17

18 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** SURE.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** SURE WHERE YOU'RE GOING WITH THAT, AS YET. WHAT
21 I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND IS, IS IT IN THIS CHANGE, WHICH I
22 THINK COULD BE VALUABLE TO THE COUNTY, I JUST WANT TO
23 UNDERSTAND ITS VALUE, IS THAT I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT
24 THIS CONTRACT IS WORTH. THIS CONTRACT RIGHT NOW IS UNDER --
25 IT'S A, QUOTE, 'CONTRACT,' AND IS A FEE FOR SERVICE.



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2 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** YES.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT THE BASELINE CONTRACT IS GOING TO BE THAT ALL
5 WE OWE THEM, IF A CAR NEVER SHOWS UP, IS 264,000.

6

7 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** CORRECT.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. SO ON THE \$10 CAR WASHES, WE CHARGE AN
10 ADDITIONAL 40%, I.S.D. CHARGES AN ADDITIONAL 40% TO THE
11 DEPARTMENT.

12

13 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** ON THE CAR WASHES, I DON'T THINK SO. I THINK
14 THE CAR WASHES ARE A STRAIGHT PASS THROUGH.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU KNOW OR YOU DON'T THINK?

17

18 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** I DON'T KNOW.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, IF THERE'S A 40% ON EVERYTHING, WHY WOULD
21 THEY -- WHY WOULD THAT BE EXEMPT?

22

23 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** I DON'T KNOW.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YEAH WHO WOULD HAVE THAT INFORMATION? ASK
2 HER -- ASK HER TO COME UP.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** WHILE SHE'S COMING UP, COULD I ASK A QUESTION? WHY
5 -- IN THE R.F.P., WHY DIDN'T YOU USE THE HISTORICAL DATA
6 VERSUS THE 4,000 VEHICLES, THAT ISSUE THAT WAS RAISED?

7

8 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** WE USED THE EXACT INVENTORY OF VEHICLES THAT
9 WE HAD. I THINK WHAT THEY WERE REFERENCING IS THAT IN THE
10 ORIGINAL R.F.P., IT MENTIONED 4400 VEHICLES. WE ISSUED AN
11 AMENDMENT IN JANUARY STATING THAT THAT WAS 3700 BECAUSE THERE
12 HAVE A TYPO IN THE ORIGINAL R.F.P. IT WAS ACTUALLY 4400
13 VEHICLES, INCLUDING OFF-HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT, WHICH ARE TRAILERS
14 AND THINGS OF THAT ILK, SO WE SPECIFIED IT WAS 3,700, IN
15 ADDITION TO GIVING THEM AN EXACT LISTING OF WHAT THOSE
16 VEHICLES WERE.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT, I MEAN THAT'S THE ACTUAL, BUT I MEAN THE
19 HISTORICAL IS THAT YOU DON'T HAVE ALL DEPARTMENTS USING OUR
20 FLEET MAINTENANCE. I MEAN, SO THE HISTORICAL IS MUCH LOWER
21 THAN THAT.

22

23 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** WE HAVE DEPARTMENTS BRINGING THOSE 3,700
24 VEHICLES IN. IN 2000, 96% OF THOSE VEHICLES CAME IN. IN 2001,
25 93% OF THOSE VEHICLES CAME IN. YEAR TO DATE THROUGH THE FIRST



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1 FIVE MONTHS OF THIS CONTRACT, WE'VE HAD 78% OF THOSE VEHICLES
2 COME IN.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THAT'S ABOUT HOW MANY -- I'M SORRY.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S QUITE A DIFFERENCE.

7

8 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** WELL, BECAUSE WE'VE ONLY BEEN THROUGH FIVE
9 MONTHS THIS YEAR. SIX MONTHS, RATHER, OF THE CONTRACT, VERSUS
10 12.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO YOU VERIFY THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES THAT
13 ACTUALLY COME IN FOR SERVICE?

14

15 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** WELL WE HAVE A -- YES -- A FINITE LIST OF
16 VEHICLES, AND WE CAN TRACK WHEN THEY COME IN AND WHEN THEY
17 DON'T.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THE TOTAL FLEET IS HOW MANY?

20

21 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** 3,700.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND YOU SAY IN 2002, WHAT PERCENTAGE? 96%
24 CAME IN?

25



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1 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** IN 2002, IT WAS 93.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 93% CAME IN.

4

5 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** WITH -- I'M SORRY, I DON'T -- I HAVE SOME
6 ACTUAL HISTORICAL DATA.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN I JUST GO BACK TO THIS -- I JUST WANT TO GET
9 TO SOME BASELINE OF WHAT WE HAVE HERE. SO ON THE CAR WASHES,
10 YOU DON'T CHARGE A 40% ADMINISTRATIVE COST.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** NO, WE DO NOT.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY NOT?

15

16 **SPEAKER:** THAT IS PART OF THE MANAGEMENT FEE.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE CAN'T HEAR YOU. SPEAK INTO THE MIC.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** IT IS PART OF THE MANAGEMENT FEE. IT IS NOT CHARGED
21 ON THAT, IT'S THE -- IT'S PART OF THE SET FIXED.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IN THE 264,000 THAT WE'RE PAYING THE
24 CONTRACTOR, THAT IS THE 40% ADMINISTRATIVE COST FOR CAR
25 WASHES.



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2 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** NO IT'S JUST THE \$10 THAT THE CONTRACTOR
3 CHARGES US, PERIOD.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT DO YOU CHARGE THE DEPARTMENT FOR A CAR WASH?

6

7 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** \$10.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THERE'S NO ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGE FOR CAR
10 WASHES.

11

12 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** NO.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** GEE, DAVID, THAT'S INTERESTING. HELLO.

15

16 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** IT'S A \$13,000 ITEM OUT OF A --

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. SO --

19

20 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** \$6 MILLION CONTRACT.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. SO THERE IS NO ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGE
23 ON A CAR WASH. NOW, IF I'M THE DEPARTMENT HEAD OF CHILDREN
24 SERVICES AND I NEED TO HAVE CLEAN CARS, BUT I'D RATHER GO DOWN
25 TO THE CORNER AND HAVE IT WASHED FOR SIX BUCKS, CAN I DO THAT?



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2 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** YES.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** I CAN DO THAT? CAN YOU ASK ME WHY A DEPARTMENT
5 HEAD WOULD NOT GO AND HAVE HIS CAR WASHED FOR SIX BUCKS
6 COMPARED TO 10 BUCKS?

7

8 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** NO.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** I GUESS WHAT I'M SAYING IS, IS THAT IN AND
11 OVERALL IN THIS FEE FOR SERVICE, SO I NEED A LUBE JOB, DO I
12 HAVE TO GO DOWN TO YOU FOR THE LUBE JOB, OR CAN I GO DOWN THE
13 STREET FOR 39.95?

14

15 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** IF YOU'RE WITHIN I.S.D.'S FLEET, YOU DON'T
16 HAVE YOUR OWN STAFF OR YOU DON'T HAVE YOUR OWN CONTRACT, YOU
17 NEED TO COME TO I.S.D. FOR THE LUBE JOB.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY, BUT NOT FOR THE CAR WASH.

20

21 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** THAT'S CORRECT.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT NOW, I DON'T KNOW WHAT A LUBE JOB
24 COSTS, I JUST SORT OF READ SIGNS AS I DRIVE ALONG, BUT THERE
25 IS A 40% MARKUP ON THE LUBE JOB.



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2 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** YES.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. AND SO WE'RE ONLY GOING TO PAY THEM
5 WHATEVER THAT HOURLY RATE IS, WHETHER IT TAKES THEM ONE HOUR
6 OR 16 HOURS TO DO THE LUBE JOB RIGHT?

7

8 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** THAT'S CORRECT.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND YOU CHARGE THE DEPARTMENT THE ONE HOUR OR THE
11 16 HOURS FOR THAT WORK PLUS 40%?

12

13 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** THAT'S CORRECT.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** AT A CERTAIN POINT IN TIME, DEPARTMENTS ARE GOING
16 TO BE A LITTLE BIT CONCERNED ABOUT THIS 40%. RIGHT? LIKE IF
17 THEY -- SO AT THIS POINT IN TIME, THERE IS A MANDATE FOR THOSE
18 DEPARTMENTS TO COME TO YOU FOR THESE REPAIRS.

19

20 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** OTHER THAN, AS I INDICATED, OTHER THAN THOSE
21 DEPARTMENTS WHO HAVE THEIR OWN MECHANICS OR THEIR OWN
22 CONTRACT.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT, LIKE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND SO ON.

25



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1 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** CORRECT.

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IS -- SO THEN THIS PRICE IS GUARANTEED THAT
4 YOU HAVE SO MUCH OF THAT FLEET. HOW MUCH OF THAT FLEET IS
5 MANDATED TO COME TO YOU FOR THESE REPAIRS?

6

7 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTAND.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** HOW MANY CARS DO YOU HAVE UNDER YOUR JURISDICTION
10 THAT HAVE A MANDATED RESPONSIBILITY TO UTILIZE I.S.D. REPAIRS?

11

12 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** I BELIEVE WE HAVE 3,700.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** 3,700?

15

16 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** UH-HUH.

17

18 **PETER DUBRAWSKI:** WE HAVE 1,200 CARS OF YEAR-TO-DATE THAT WE
19 HAVE NOT SEEN IN THE CONTRACT, THAT HAVE NOT COME IN THIS
20 YEAR, AND WHEN HE SAYS THAT'S 93% OR IT'S 97%, THEY MAY HAVE
21 COME IN IN THAT YEAR ONE TIME, AND IT MAY HAVE BEEN JUST FOR A
22 LUBE, BUT WHAT WE'RE FINDING WHEN -- IN DOING THE CONTRACT IS
23 THAT WHEN WE DO AN APPRAISAL ON A CAR TO FIX IT FOR A LUBE AND
24 TUNE OR WHAT HAVE YOU, IT COMES IN AT \$60, WELL, THE
25 DEPARTMENT'LL COME BACK AND SAY, "WITH THAT 40% ON TOP OF IT,



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1 NOW I'M GOING TO HAVE TO PAY A HUNDRED, I'M GOING TO GO DOWN
2 THE STREET AND GET IT DONE THERE." SO WHAT I'M SAYING --

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT WHAT HE IS SAYING IS THAT THEY CAN'T DO THAT.

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6 **PETER DUBRAWSKI:** THEY'RE DOING IT.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT HE SAYS THEY CAN'T DO THAT.

9

10 **PETER DUBRAWSKI:** NO HE'S WRONG, BECAUSE THEY ARE DOING IT.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY WELL THAT'S, I'M JUST ASKING A SIMPLE
13 QUESTION. SO SIR, YOU'RE SAYING -- HE'S SAYING THEY CAN DO
14 THAT AND YOU'RE SAYING THEY CAN'T DO THAT.

15

16 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** I'M SAYING BY POLICY, THEY CANNOT DO THAT.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO COME ON, BY POLICY.

19

20 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** I DIDN'T --

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO HOW DOES IT WORK? I'M JUST TRYING TO
23 UNDERSTAND. SO RIGHT NOW, ALL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN
24 SERVICES CARS, ALL OF THE OTHER CARS COULD JUST GO AND GET ALL



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1 OF THIS, AND YOU -- THEY GET -- THEY CAN PAY FOR IT OUT OF
2 THEIR DEPARTMENT.

3

4 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** UH-HUH.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THEY DON'T HAVE TO COME TO YOU.

7

8 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** NO. DEPARTMENTS FOR WHOM WE MAINTAIN THE
9 FLEET ARE REQUIRED TO COME TO US TO HAVE THEIR CARS REPAIRED
10 UNLESS THEY HAVE THEIR OWN MECHANICS OR THEIR OWN BOARD
11 CONTRACT.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WE ONLY HAVE 3,700 OF THOSE CARS.

14

15 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** EXACTLY.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND ALL OF THEM ARE GOING TO COME TO THIS
18 CONTRACT. IS THAT CORRECT? FOR THOSE SERVICES.

19

20 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** ASSUMING COMPLIANCE WITH THAT POLICY, YES.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** EVEN THOUGH THAT HAS NOT EVER HAPPENED IN THE
23 PAST?

24



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1 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** I THINK IT'S HAPPENED AT AN ORDERS OF
2 MAGNITUDE LEVEL. WE'VE GOTTEN 96% IN, WE'VE GOTTEN 93% THE
3 SUBSEQUENT YEAR, SO AT A ORDER OF MAGNITUDE, I DO BELIEVE THAT
4 HAPPENS.

5

6 **PETER DUBRAWSKI:** SIX MONTHS AGO WE HAD A DISCUSSION WITH THE
7 BOARD AND WE ASKED THE CUSTOMERS THAT IF I.S.D. COULD BRING
8 THEM IN, SO WE MADE A -- SO WITH THE FORMER MANAGER DIRECTOR,
9 WE DECIDED TO BRING IN MEN ALSO WITH -- ALSO BRING IN MEN AND
10 MAKE THEM -- FORCE THEM TO COME IN, SO THEY STARTED TO PUT THE
11 PEOPLE ON EVERY LOCATION WE HAD AND FORCING THEM TO CALL IN.
12 IN FACT, WE EVEN TRIED A APPOINTMENT SYSTEM, WHICH DIDN'T
13 WORK, AND WE'VE BEEN TRYING THAT FOR SIX MONTHS, AND WE
14 THOUGHT -- AND WE THOUGHT THAT WOULD BRING IN THE CARS. IT HAS
15 NOT TO DATE. IT HAS NOT WORKED. THE CARS ARE STILL NOT COMING
16 IN.

17

18 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO POINT OUT THAT
19 BOTH, UNDER THE CURRENT CONTRACT AND THE PROPOSED CONTRACT,
20 THE VENDOR HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR CALLING DEPARTMENTS AND
21 SCHEDULING FOR -- THEM FOR THEIR PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE.
22 P.C.A. WASN'T DOING THAT. I.S.D. STEPPED IN AND ASSISTED IN
23 JANUARY IN MAKING THE CALLS TO VEHICLE COORDINATORS TO TRY TO
24 GET THEM TO BRING THE CARS IN. ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WITH FIXED
25 FEE IS THAT THEY'RE NOT INCENTIVIZED TO DO THAT BECAUSE THEY



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1 GET PAID WHETHER OR NOT THE CAR COMES IN. THEY GET PAID THEIR
2 \$1,500 FOR A SEDAN IF ONLY ZERO DOLLARS WORK WERE DONE.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO I -- AND I CAN APPRECIATE THAT, I UNDERSTAND
5 THAT. THAT'S WHY IN THIS INSTANCE, I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT,
6 IN THIS FIXED FEE, WHICH SEEMS AS THOUGH IT WILL BE A GOOD
7 THING FOR THE COUNTY UNDER THE WAY --

8

9 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** FEE FOR SERVICE.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE WAY YOU'RE INTERPRETING IT, IS THAT THE ISSUE
12 IS IS THAT WHAT IT'S TRULY GOING TO BE, BECAUSE THE REALITY
13 IS, THIS CONTRACTOR DID NOT COME IN HERE FOR \$264,000. THIS
14 CONTRACTOR IS IN HERE FOR 5.3 PLUS, DEPENDING ON WHAT IT IS,
15 AND I GUESS I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND HOW THIS ALL IS GOING TO
16 WORK IF, IN FACT, UNDER THE OTHER PROVISION, YOU WEREN'T EVEN
17 GETTING FULL COMPLIANCE. NOW, IT'S UNDER A -- THIS FEE-FOR-
18 SERVICE -- I MEAN, BEFORE THEY WERE PAYING IT ANYWAY, RIGHT,
19 AND THEY WEREN'T SHOWING UP.

20

21 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** THAT'S CORRECT, IN SOME CASES.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT CARS NEED LUBE JOBS AND THINGS.

24

25 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** NO, NO, I UNDERSTAND --



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** I GUESS I TRYING TO UNDERSTAND --

3

4 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** THERE WERE CASES WHERE A CAR DID NOT COME IN
5 FOR REPAIR THAT THE VENDOR WAS PAID FULL BOARD FOR THAT EVEN
6 THOUGH NO WORK WAS DONE. THERE WERE INSTANCES WHERE A CAR CAME
7 IN FOR REPAIR AND 800 BUCKS WAS DONE.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND IT'S JUST THAT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THIS
10 CONTRACT IS GOING TO BE 5.3 MILLION IN THE END, ONE WAY OR
11 ANOTHER, WHETHER WE TOOK CARE OF 3,700 CARS OR 1,200 CARS
12 BECAUSE ANY --

13

14 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** NOT THE NEW CONTRACT.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY?

17

18 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** NO. THE NEW CONTRACT, WE ONLY -- EXCEPT FOR
19 THE \$250,000 IN MANAGEMENT FEES WE ONLY PAID THE CONTRACTOR
20 FOR ACTUAL HOURS OF REPAIR DONE. THEY GET NOTHING IF NO WORK
21 WAS DONE.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. AND SO IF THE CHILDREN SERVICES
24 DEPARTMENT NOW HAVE JUST FOUND A GOOD DEAL ON LUBE JOBS DOWN
25 THE STREET AND THE DEPARTMENT HEAD DECIDES THAT THAT'S WHERE



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1 HE'S GOING TO DO IT BECAUSE HE NEEDS TO SAVE MONEY TO DEAL
2 WITH FOSTER CARE, WHATEVER HE WANTS TO DO AND DOESN'T WANT TO
3 PAY THE 40%, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? WHAT JEOPARDY WOULD HE
4 FACE NOW THAT ALL OF HIS CARS ARE GOING OVER TO THE CORNER FOR
5 THEIR LUBE JOB?

6

7 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** I WOULD INSTRUCT HIM THAT HE MUST COMPLY WITH
8 BOARD POLICY, WHICH IS THAT YOU EITHER MUST HIRE YOUR OWN
9 MECHANICS OR SEEK A PROPERLY-EXECUTED CONTRACT MECHANISM FROM
10 THE BOARD.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT -- BUT DON'T YOU --

13

14 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** IT'S A PROP A CONTRACT SO.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT IT'S SORT OF A PROP A
17 CONTRACT, THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND, BUT IT'S A
18 BETTER DEAL FOR HIM TO GO DOWN TO THE CORNER TO GET THAT LUBE
19 JOB.

20

21 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** AND IF IT'S A BETTER DEAL HE'S ALLOWED -- HE
22 OR SHE IS ALLOWED TO COME TO THE BOARD, HAVE THAT DEAL
23 CONSUMMATED BY HAVING A PROPERLY-APPROVED CONTRACT.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT BUT I'M JUST SAYING, IF I'M THE
2 DEPARTMENT HEAD, THAT'S WHY I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THIS
3 FIXED -- THIS CONTRACT, THERE IS NO INCENTIVE FOR ME AS A
4 DEPARTMENT HEAD TO PAY YOU 40%.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** THERE IS AN INCENTIVE TO PAY YOU -- TO PAY ME TO THE
7 EXTENT THAT WE'RE MORE CONVENIENT, OR WE'RE MORE COST
8 EFFECTIVE, I CERTAINLY WOULD AGREE WITH YOU THAT IF A
9 DEPARTMENT HAD A MORE COST EFFECTIVE WAY TO ACQUIRE THEIR
10 VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SERVICES THEY SHOULD PURSUE IT.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** THERE IS NOTHING, THERE IS NOTHING COST EFFECTIVE
13 ABOUT A 40% ADMINISTRATIVE COST.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** CAN I SPEND A MOMENT ON THE 40%, 'CAUSE IT'S A LITTLE
16 MISLEADING TO JUST CHARACTERIZE AS A 40% SURCHARGE. THIS
17 CONTRACT IS UNIQUE VERSUS GOING DOWN TO A GAS STATION OR A
18 REPAIR SHOP, BECAUSE THESE FOLKS RESIDE IN OUR FACILITIES FOR
19 WHICH WE PAY THE MAINTENANCE. WE PAY THE UTILITY BILLS
20 ASSOCIATED WITH THOSE FACILITIES. WE HAVE A FLEET SYSTEM THAT
21 WE MAINTAIN THE PROGRAMMING COSTS AND THE COMPUTER COSTS ON
22 THAT THEY WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE TO MAINTAIN. MUCH OF THAT 40%
23 IS TO RECOVER THOSE COSTS FOR THAT INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WE'RE
24 PROVIDING THE CONTRACTOR. THERE ARE CERTAINLY SOME COMPONENTS
25 OF OVERHEAD IN THAT, BUT IF THEY WERE KNOWN --



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M NOT OPPOSED -- I UNDERSTAND THAT CONCEPT.
3 OKAY? I DON'T UNDERSTAND DAVID'S ORDER OF CONCEPT WHERE IF YOU
4 GET A GRANT JUST BECAUSE THEY TOUCH IT, THEY GET 40% AND WE'RE
5 GOING TO ARGUE THAT LATER. I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE PAYING
6 UTILITIES AND THINGS OF THAT SORT, I THINK IT'S EXCESSIVE. I'M
7 JUST SAYING, I'M SITTING HERE AS A DEPARTMENT HEAD. I'VE GOT
8 1,200 CARS. IT IS NOT ADVANTAGEOUS TO ME, UNDER YOUR -- THIS
9 PROPOSAL, BECAUSE I DON'T -- YOU KNOW, IT'S A FEE FOR SERVICE.
10 FEE FOR SERVICE, LET ME GO DOWN THE STREET. WHAT I'M SAYING IS
11 THAT IN THE END, YOU SHOULD NOT GET AS MANY CARS AS YOU THINK
12 YOU'RE GOING TO GET, AND THIS CONTRACT'S NOT GOING TO BE VERY
13 LUCRATIVE FOR THE CONTRACTOR OR THE CONTRACTOR IS GOING TO
14 START DOING SOMETHING THAT I THINK YOU'VE GOT TO DO HE'S GOT
15 OVERHEAD TOO, HE'S GOT TO PAY THE MECHANICS, AND IF A LUBE
16 JOB, HE DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH LUBE JOBS, LET'S JUST TAKE A LOT
17 LONGER TO DO LUBE JOBS AROUND HERE. I'M JUST -- THAT'S THE
18 PART IT'S LEADING TO, BECAUSE I JUST -- I WOULD SAY IF I WERE
19 A DEPARTMENT HEAD AND ALL YOU'RE GOING TO DO IS SAY, "NEXT
20 TIME BRING YOUR CAR IN HERE AND DON'T DO THAT AGAIN," I'M
21 SAYING I'M BETTER OFF WITH A 39.95 JOB.

22

23 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** WELL, ONE, I'M NOT CONVINCED THAT YOU COULD
24 GET IT CHEAPER, BECAUSE I DO BELIEVE THOSE COMPETITORS, WHAT'S
25 IN OUR 40% RATE IS IN THEIR HOURLY RATE, BECAUSE THEY HAVE



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1 THEIR REPAIR SHOP THAT THEY HAVE TO PAY UTILITIES ON, THEY
2 HAVE MAINTENANCE, THEY HAVE THEIR OWN ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.
3 BEYOND THAT --

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT LISTEN. A LUBE JOB IS A LUBE JOB, BUT
6 WHEREVER IT GOES, IT'S COMPETITIVE. RIGHT? SO, I DON'T KNOW.
7 WHAT DO THEY CHARGE FOR THEM? I THOUGHT I READ 39.95.

8

9 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** IT DEPENDS.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT, BUT LET'S SAY I COULD FIND ONE FOR
12 39.95. ARE YOU COMPETITIVE WITH THAT?

13

14 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** I CAN'T ANSWER YOU HONESTLY SOMETHING AS
15 NARROW AS A LUBE JOB. I KNOW THAT THE HOURS THAT THE
16 CONTRACTOR IS ALLOWED TO CHARGE US FOR WORK IS GOVERNED BY A
17 MOTOR VEHICLE TIME GUIDE WHICH IS STANDARD LISTING OF WHAT YOU
18 CAN CHARGE FOR A PARTICULAR TYPE OF REPAIRS TIME THE RATES
19 THAT THEY CHARGE US.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT IS THAT? DO YOU KNOW? HE'S SITTING NEXT TO
22 YOU, DO YOU KNOW?

23

24 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** WHAT THE LUBE JOB COSTS ARE? DO YOU KNOW THE
25 LUBE?



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE THAT'S A THING YOU NEED REGULARLY.

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4 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** I THINK RANDY MAY.

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6 **SPEAKER:** YEAH.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** HEY RANDY HOW MUCH? 5? [MIXED VOICES]

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IT'S 18 BUCKS. SO THEN IT IS CHEAPER TO COME
11 HERE. IS THAT CORRECT? THAN THE 39.95?

12

13 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** I THINK THAT'S WHAT RANDY'S SAYING.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** EXCEPT THAT YOU CAN DO A LUBE JOB IN 10 MINUTES.

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17 **RANDY:** NO, NO WE HAVE --

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** HE SAID A HALF HOUR.

20

21 **RANDY:** WE HAVE LOST ALL -- WE HAVE AS MANAGEMENT OF THE
22 CONTRACT FOR FIVE YEARS, NO AND THEY CAN GET -- THEY -- WE
23 CHARGE JUST EXACTLY WHAT THEY CHARGE AND THEN WE PUT A 40%
24 BECAUSE OF THE COUNTY.

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1 **SPEAKER:** BUT LET ME ADD, RIGHT NOW, WITH THEIR BID, IT WOULD
2 BE \$48 AN HOUR PLUS THE 40%, WHETHER OR NOT YOU BUY THE 40%.
3 WITH THE PROPOSED CONTRACT, IT WOULD BE \$38 AN HOUR, \$37 AN
4 HOUR, PLUS THE 40%.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHICH I CAN APPRECIATE. AND I CAN APPRECIATE
7 THAT. MY ONLY CONCERN IS THAT, AGAIN, BECAUSE I'M THE
8 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN SERVICES, I GOT TO PAY YOU 40% ABOVE
9 THAT. OKAY? THE CONTRACTOR IS GOING TO HAVE TO FIND THE MONEY
10 TO KEEP THE PERSONNEL THERE IN ORDER TO DO THAT, SO SOMEWHERE
11 ALONG THE WAY, THIS IS GOING TO BE MADE UP, AND THAT'S WHY I'M
12 TRYING TO GET TO THIS POINT OF UNDERSTANDING HOW THIS IS GOING
13 TO OPERATE. THE MANDATE IS JUST BECAUSE IT'S POLICY. THAT'S
14 THE MANDATE. BUT AGAIN, IT DOESN'T PREVENT THE DEPARTMENT HEAD
15 FROM SAYING, "I'M GOING TO GO DOWN THE STREET AND NEGOTIATE A
16 BETTER DEAL FOR MYSELF. RIGHT?

17

18 **SPEAKER:** AND INDEED, IF I MAY BE PERMITTED --

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES SIR.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** THAT HAS -- IS HISTORICALLY ACCURATE, BECAUSE LAST
23 AUGUST THERE WAS A MEMORANDUM THAT WENT OUT FROM THE THEN
24 DIRECTOR OF I.S.D. TO ALL THE DEPARTMENTS, "BRING YOUR CARS
25 IN," AND IT DIDN'T HAPPEN. SO, I MEAN, YOUR SCENARIO IS A VERY



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1 REAL HISTORICAL SCENARIO. THE GRAPHS THAT WE PASSED OUT
2 BASICALLY SHOW OUR ACTUAL RECORDS IN TERMS OF THE VARIOUS
3 PROPORTIONS.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND SO I GUESS IN THE LONG RUN, DAVID, I GUESS
6 THE QUESTION THIS I'M ASKING IS THAT THIS SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD
7 DEAL AT THE BEGINNING, BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO GET CHARGED FOR
8 AND A LOWER RATE FOR WHAT WE ACTUALLY USE. THE ISSUE IS, IS IT
9 GOING TO BE UTILIZED? AND SO CONSEQUENTLY, WITH THE 40%, I
10 MEAN, UNLESS -- I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE STANDARD FIGURES ARE AND
11 I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE TIME FRAMES ARE TO CARRY OUT THIS WORK,
12 IS THAT IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOING TO BE A BETTER DEAL, OR ARE
13 THE END ARE WE GOING TO BE PAYING THE \$5,391 FOR LESS CARS AND
14 --

15

16 **SPEAKER:** 5 MILLION.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY NOT?

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, YOU'RE ONLY GOING TO PAY FOR WHAT THEY
21 ACTUALLY PERFORM. THE QUESTION I THINK IS --

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT THE POINT IS IS THAT --

24



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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL THE QUESTION MAY BE ONE FOR THE VENDOR,
2 AS HOW ARE THEY GOING TO STAY IN BUSINESS IF THEY SIGN THIS
3 AGREEMENT AND DON'T GET THE BUSINESS. THAT SEEMS TO BE WHERE
4 YOU'RE GOING AND --

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT -- WHICH IS THE FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS THAT
7 WE'RE DOING, BECAUSE AND THIS IS WHERE THIS GENTLEMAN IN THE
8 CENTER SAID THAT THERE'S THIS ANNUAL RENEGOTIATIONS. YOUR
9 LETTER SAYS THAT IS NOT THE CASE, WHICH ALSO A CLARIFICATION I
10 WANTED TO MAKE. SO THERE IS NO RENEGOTIATIONS. THIS IS A
11 STANDARD AND THIS IS FIVE YEARS. IS THAT CORRECT? THERE'S A
12 COST OF LIVING, IS WHAT IS IN HERE.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** THERE'S A COST OF LIVING INCREASE IN YEAR FOUR AND
15 FIVE FOR THE HOURLY RATES ONLY.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT THERE'S NO ANNUAL NEGOTIATED AMOUNT.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** NO I THINK WHAT HE'S REFERENCING, WHICH HE ALSO
20 REFERENCED AT THE PROTEST PANEL WHO DEALT WITH THE ISSUE, IS
21 THAT I.S.D. WANTED TO RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CHANGE ITS COST
22 ACCOUNTING METHOD FOR THOSE INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS SUCH AS THE
23 MAINTENANCE AND UTILITIES. AND RATHER THAN HAVING A 40%
24 SURCHARGE, DIRECTLY CHARGING THOSE TO THE CONTRACTOR INSTEAD
25 AND HAVING THEM ADJUST THE RATES TO REFLECT THE COST. SO IT



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1 WOULD BE -- THOSE COSTS WOULD BE COVERED IN AN HOURLY RATE
2 RATHER THAN A SURCHARGE AMOUNT. THAT'S SOLELY AT OUR OPTION,
3 SHOULD WE DECIDE TO DO IT, AND IT'S MERELY A COST-ACCOUNTING
4 CHANGE.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** JUST UTILITIES.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** NO. UTILITIES, MAINTENANCE, FLEET SYSTEM COSTS.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT YOU JUST SAID THAT WAS PART OF YOUR 40%?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** IT IS PART OF MY 40%, WHICH WE'VE HAD AN INCREDIBLY
13 DIFFICULT PROBLEM MARKETING, AS YOU CAN IMAGINE. WE'VE
14 ATTEMPTED WITH CUSTOMERS TO TAKE PIE CHARTS OUT, TO SHOW THEM
15 WHAT THE COMPONENTS OF THAT INDIRECT CHARGE ARE. WHAT HAPPENS
16 IS VEHICLE COORDINATORS CHANGE, SO EDUCATION THAT WE LEFT WITH
17 ONE ABATES AND THEN WE HAVE A NEW ONE. SO SINCE WE VIEW THOSE
18 AS TRULY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH RUNNING AN AUTOMOTIVE BUSINESS
19 AS OPPOSED TO OVERHEAD, WE WANTED THE OPTION TO TREAT AS THOSE
20 AUTOMOTIVE COSTS, CHARGE THEM TO THE CONTRACTOR, AND IF WE
21 EXERCISE THAT OPTION TO HAVE THEM, INCORPORATE THEM IN THEIR
22 RATES.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT YOU KNOW, SOMETHING LIKE UTILITIES ARE PRETTY
25 FIXED, FOR THE MOST PART. I MEAN, FOR THE MOST PART.



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2 **SPEAKER:** WELL THEY VARY ON SHOP HOURS AND HOW MANY DRILLS --

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THAT'S NOT A
5 NEGOTIATED AMOUNT, I MEAN IF YOU'RE GOING TO PASS ON THE COSTS
6 --

7

8 **SPEAKER:** IT'S READILY ESTIMATABLE.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO YES, SO IT WOULD BE AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT, BUT
11 IT'S NOT A RENEGOTIATION.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** NO, NO, THEIR HOURLY RATES THAT THEY CHARGE US FOR
14 REPAIR SERVICES ARE FIXED FOR THE FIRST THREE YEARS. PROTEST
15 PANELS INCLUDED THAT. THEY MAY BE ADJUSTED FOR COLORS IN YEARS
16 FOUR AND FIVE.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT AND SO, JUST SO THAT I UNDERSTAND, IS
19 THAT, AGAIN, IN THIS SITUATION, ALL THAT THE CONTRACTOR IS
20 AGREED AT THIS POINT IN TIME, IN THIS CONTRACT, IT'S NOT \$5.3
21 MILLION IT IS ONLY 200 AND -- WHAT WAS IT, 64,000?

22

23 **SPEAKER:** THAT IS ABSOLUTELY CORRECT.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND SO WE WILL BE SIGNING A CONTRACT THAT SAYS
2 THAT. CORRECT?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** YOU'LL BE SIGNING A CONTRACT THAT SAYS THEY ONLY
5 RECEIVE PAYMENTS FOR SERVICES THEY ACTUALLY PERFORM AT HOURLY
6 RATES OF APPROXIMATELY \$38. THEY'LL GET A FIXED FEE AMOUNT,
7 ONE TWELFTH A MONTH FOR THE 200 --

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT NOWHERE IN THERE DOES IT SAY THAT THEY'RE
10 GETTING A \$5.3MILLION CONTRACT.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** NO. A MATTER OF FACT, IT SAYS QUITE THE CONTRARY. IT
13 SAYS YOU RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS NO GUARANTEED VOLUME IN TERMS
14 OF SERVICE HOURS OR FLEET SIZE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CONTRACT.
15 AND IT BECOMES CRITICALLY IMPORTANT WITH POTENTIAL DOWNSIZING
16 IN FLEET BECAUSE OF BUDGET PROBLEMS, BECAUSE SOME DEPARTMENTS
17 WHO BUY NEW CARS WANT THEM PAID BY WARRANTY RATHER THAN PAYING
18 FROM A REPAIR SHOP, WHICH THEY'RE ALLOWED TO DO.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I THINK IT JUST BEGS THE QUESTION OF WHO IS
21 ACCEPTING THIS CONTRACT AND SO ON AS TO WHETHER, IN FACT, WE
22 ARE GOING TO -- THAT THERE IS GOING TO BE A BENEFIT OR, IN THE
23 LONG RUN, THERE WON'T. AS A DEPARTMENT HEAD, I THINK IT WOULD
24 BE A TREMENDOUS BENEFIT TO LOOK FOR THE BEST DEAL POSSIBLE.
25 WHETHER IT'S CONVENIENT OR NOT, I DON'T KNOW THAT. I MEAN IT



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1 CERTAINLY IS CONVENIENT FOR ME RIGHT NOW, BUT THAT'S A
2 DIFFERENT ISSUE, BUT I DID WANT TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING
3 OF WHAT YOU WERE CONSIDERING A FIXED COST AND CLARIFICATION OF
4 SOME OF THE CONTRACT PROVISIONS THAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT,
5 AS WELL AS WHAT WE ARE AGREEING TO HERE, AND WHAT WE ARE
6 AGREEING TO HERE AT THIS POINT IN TIME IS ONLY A FIXED RATE,
7 NOT ON ANY NUMBER OF CARS, JUST A FIXED RATE FOR THE WORK THAT
8 THEY DO AND A CONTRACT THAT SAYS THAT YOU WILL GET \$264,000 AS
9 YOUR FIXED MANAGEMENT FEE. NOW, I JUST WANT TO GET A
10 CLARIFICATION THAT THAT'S ALL I'M APPROVING.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S CORRECT.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, JUST A COUPLE QUESTIONS. ONE, AS I
17 REMEMBER, A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO, I'M TRYING TO THINK OF THE
18 NAME OF THE COMPANY, BUT WE HAD THIS CONTRACT UNDER ONE
19 CONTRACT AND --

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21 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** HOLMES AND NARVER.

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** HOLMES AND NARVER.

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25 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, 19 -- 1988.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WERE HERE THEN, BUT OBVIOUSLY
3 WE RAN INTO SOME PROBLEMS AS IT RELATED BETWEEN THE NORMAL
4 DEPARTMENTS AND THE PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS AND ALL THOSE
5 KINDS OF ISSUES, AND THAT WAS ONE OF THE REASONS FOR BREAKING
6 UP THE CONTRACT. SO I JUST -- THE QUESTION I HAVE IS THEN THIS
7 IS UNIQUE BECAUSE WE'RE GOING BACK TO THAT SAME CONCEPT THAT
8 WE GOT IN WITH HOLMES AND NARVER, ANOTHER WORLD-WIDE, YOU
9 KNOW, COMPANY KIND OF A SITUATION. WAS ANY THOUGHT GIVEN TO
10 THAT OR THE DIFFICULTIES WE HAD WITH THAT CONTRACT?

11

12 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** HOLMES AND NARVER WAS ACTUALLY PAID ON A
13 MILEAGE BASIS. THEY GOT PAID STRICTLY BY THE NUMBER OF MILES A
14 CAR DROVE. I'M REMEMBERING BACK NOW TO 1988, BUT THAT'S
15 BECAUSE AT THAT TIME IT INCLUDED FUEL COSTS. THEY HAD
16 FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THEY WERE
17 RELATED TO THE CONTRACT OR NOT. I DO KNOW THAT JOHNSONS
18 CONTROLS IS AN \$18 BILLION COMPANY. THEY HAVE SEVERAL EXISTING
19 FLEET CONTRACTS THAT ARE IN EXCESS OF \$500 MILLION.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** I DON'T QUESTION THE SIZE AND SCOPE OF THE
22 COMPANY. I MEAN I THINK WE HAVE TWO ISSUES HERE. ONE IS THIS
23 COMPANY WENT THROUGH THE APPEAL PROCESS AND THE APPEAL WAS
24 DENIED, AND, YOU KNOW, SO BE IT. I MEAN, THAT'S THE CLEAN CUT.
25 THE SECOND SIDE OF THIS ARE THE QUESTIONS THAT IT RAISED, THAT



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1 WAS RAISED BY ALL OF US HERE IN EVALUATING THE PROCESS ITSELF
2 SEPARATE FROM THEIR APPEAL. THEIR APPEAL WAS DONE, AND
3 OBVIOUSLY ONE OF THE ORIGINAL THINGS, AND I THINK I'VE TALKED
4 TO YOU OR SOME MEMBER OF YOUR STAFF ABOUT THE ISSUE OF
5 AWARDING TO ONE COMPANY, BECAUSE AS I REMEMBER IT WE REALLY
6 HAD SOME VERY, VERY DIFFICULT TIMES. SO IT'S NOT THE MATTER
7 THAT JOHNSON CONTROLS IS NOT A LARGE COMPANY OR CAN'T HANDLE
8 IT, IT'S JUST THE IDEA OF OUR VULNERABILITY AS A COUNTY HAVING
9 EVERYTHING UNDER ONE ROOF, IN ESSENCE, AND THE FACT IS THAT
10 HISTORICALLY, IF YOU LOOK BACK THE, YOU KNOW, THE DEPARTMENTS,
11 YOU KNOW, WANTING TO DO SOMETHING ON THEIR OWN OR, YOU KNOW,
12 TO GO OUT FOR THAT MINOR MAINTENANCE SO THEY DON'T HAVE TO PAY
13 THE RATES THAT WE CHARGE THEM.

14

15 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** YEAH I KNOW IN 1996, I BELIEVE A BACKUP
16 CONTRACT WAS SIGNED WITH J.C.I. JUST IN THE EVENT THAT, AT THE
17 TIME, M.P.R. EXPERIENCED DIFFICULTIES. SOMETHING LIKE THAT MAY
18 BE SOMETHING WE SHOULD LOOK INTO. I AM COMFORTED BY THE FACT
19 THAT J.C.I. HAS BEEN AROUND FOREVER AND HAS BEEN STABLE, AND
20 I'M ALSO COMFORTED BY THE FACT THAT ALTHOUGH THEY ARE JUST
21 CHARGING US \$37 AN HOUR, THAT IS ABOUT A 17-DOLLAR MARGIN ON
22 THEIR AVERAGE MECHANIC AND EMPLOYEE BENEFIT RATE, SO THEY'RE
23 WORKING WITH ABOUT A 17-BUCK MARGIN PER HOUR.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** HAVE WE EVER INVESTIGATED THE POSSIBILITY OF THE
2 DEPARTMENTS BEING ABLE TO USE THE OPEN MARKET FOR MINOR
3 MAINTENANCE LIKE OIL CHANGES, WHEEL ROTATIONS, THOSE KIND OF
4 THINGS?

5

6 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** WE LOOKED AT THAT. I THINK THERE'S A LOT OF
7 THINGS THAT ARE APPEALING ABOUT THAT, BOTH IN TERMS OF COST
8 AND IN TERMS OF TIME ON THE ROAD FOR THE PERSON WHO'S GOT TO
9 DRIVE THE CAR TO ONE OF OUR LOCATIONS VERSUS MAYBE THE JIFFY
10 LUBE THAT'S NEXT DOOR. WE WEREN'T READY TO BITE THAT BULLET
11 YET BECAUSE WE NEEDED TO STRENGTHEN OUR CENTRALIZED VEHICLE
12 MAINTENANCE RECORDS IN TERMS OF TIMELY UPDATE ON WHEN THE
13 BRAKE INSPECTIONS, OIL CHANGES, AND THAT TYPE OF STUFF WERE
14 DONE. I DO THINK IN THE FUTURE IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE WOULD
15 LOOK AT AGGRESSIVELY.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** AND AGAIN, GOING BACK TO MY EARLIER QUESTION, I
18 THINK WE GOT CUT OFF THERE, WHY YOU DIDN'T USE THE HISTORICAL
19 DATA VERSUS THE 4,000 VEHICLES, OR, YOU KNOW, WHATEVER THAT
20 NUMBER, 3,700 OR 45 --

21

22 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** WE REALLY DID USE THE ACCURATE VEHICLE COUNT,
23 THERE --

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN NOT SO MUCH THE PHYSICAL COUNT OF THE
2 VEHICLES WE HAVE IN STOCK, BUT, I MEAN, THE ACTUAL USAGE OF
3 THE VENDOR.

4

5 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** WHY WE DIDN'T TELL THE VENDORS HOW MANY
6 REPAIR HOURS WE EXPECTED TO RECEIVE, IS THAT THE QUESTION?

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH BECAUSE YOU COMPARE IT ON THE ONE HAND NUMBER
9 OF VEHICLES VERSUS THEN SO MUCH DOLLARS PER HOURS OF
10 MAINTENANCE, OR AND IT SEEMED LIKE A, YOU KNOW, A DIFFERENT
11 KIND OF AN EVALUATION.

12

13 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** WE -- SINCE THE CONTRACT GUARANTEED NO VOLUME
14 OF BUSINESS AND BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF
15 ENVIRONMENTAL REASONS THAT MAY CAUSE BUSINESS TO DROP, THIS
16 CHANGES IN VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY LENGTHENS REPAIR CYCLES AND
17 WE'RE CHANGING OUR FLEET OUT ABOUT EVERY 7 YEARS, SO
18 MAINTENANCE IS BECOMING LESS AND LESS OF A REQUIREMENT. WE
19 DIDN'T WANT TO, IN ANY WAY SHAPE OR FORM ESTABLISH ANY KIND OF
20 ASSUMPTION THAT'S A GUARANTEE OF A VOLUME, AND ALL THE VENDORS
21 AT THE VENDORS' CONFERENCE, AT THE WALK-THROUGH AND THE R.F.P.
22 WERE CLEARLY TOLD THAT THIS IS A PAY AS YOU GO, YOU'RE NOT
23 GUARANTEED ANY LEVEL OF BUSINESS CONTRACT, AND WE THINK THAT'S
24 JUST IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE COUNTY.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** SO IN OTHER WORDS, THE NEW VENDOR SHOULD THEY BE
2 AWARDED WOULD JUST GET PAID FOR WHAT THEY DO AND NO MORE?

3

4 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** RIGHT.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** NO MORE?

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8 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY'RE COMPETITIVE, TO
9 THE EXTENT THAT THEY FOLLOW THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT
10 THAT REQUIRE THEM TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENTS TO SCHEDULE THE
11 MAINTENANCE AND THEN ESCALATE IT IF NOT. WHEN THEY DO ALL
12 THOSE THINGS, THEY HAVE A GREATER CHANCE OF BEING SUCCESSFUL
13 BECAUSE THEY'LL DRIVE BUSINESS UP. IF THEY'RE NOT SUCCESSFUL,
14 THEY'LL HAVE LESS HOURS, BUT AT LEAST WE WON'T PAY FOR THEM.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I JUST WANTED TO ASK ONE QUESTION. THEY
19 INDICATED THAT THEY ONLY HIRED CERTIFIED MECHANICS. WHAT
20 IMPLICATION DOES THAT HAVE FOR THE PRESENT WORK CREW BECAUSE -
21 -

22

23 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** MY UNDERSTANDING IS FROM J.C.I. IS THAT
24 THEY'RE GIVING ALL THE CURRENT MECHANICS A 90-DAY TRANSITION
25 PERIOD TO GET THEIR CERTIFICATION.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THEY WILL GIVE THEM TIME OFF TO GET
3 THOSE CERTIFICATIONS, AND TO ASSIST THEM GET THEM?

4

5 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** I DON'T KNOW, IT IS --

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I MEAN, BECAUSE, I -- WHAT --

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9 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** I WOULD ASK THEM TO SPEAK TO IT.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHAT PERCENTAGE DO WE HAVE OF CERTIFIED
12 NOW?

13

14 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** WITH P.C. A.?

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

17

18 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** I DON'T KNOW.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** 100 PERCENT.

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22 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THEY'RE ALL CERTIFIED.

23

24 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** WELL IN THAT CASE IT SHOULD BE EASY.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH I SEE, I WAS UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY --
2 THAT P.C.A. DID NOT HAVE -- ALL OF THEM WERE NOT CERTIFIED.
3 OKAY, ALL RIGHT, SO THAT'S NOT GOING TO PREVENT -- BE A
4 PROBLEM FOR THEM.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** [INAUDIBLE].

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I SEE. ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JUST TO REPEAT, HOW DID THE I.S.D. DETERMINE
15 THE NUMBER OF -- ACCURATE NUMBER OF VEHICLES IN THE FLEET?

16

17 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** WE HAVE A SYSTEM THAT LIST EVERY SINGLE
18 VEHICLE. IT'S JUST EMPIRICAL DATA.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT DISCRETION WILL THE DEPARTMENTS HAVE
21 IN GETTING VEHICLES SERVICED BY REPAIR SHOPS OUTSIDE OF THE
22 CONTRACTED VENDOR?

23

24 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** AGAIN, AS I INDICATED EARLIER, OTHER THAN
25 GETTING THEIR OWN BOARD-APPROVED CONTRACT OR HIRING THEIR OWN



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1 STAFF, SINCE THIS IS A PROP A CONTRACT, THEN THEY WOULD HAVE
2 TO COME TO THE BOARD.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE ISSUE OF GHOST FLEET?

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6 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** THE ISSUE OF WHAT?

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GHOST NUMBER OF CARS? CARS THAT WERE NOT
9 BEING SERVICED.

10

11 **DAVE LAMBERTSON:** OKAY. I BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE SOME CARS THAT
12 ARE PROBABLY NOT BEING SERVICED. WE SHOWED THAT, AS I
13 INDICATED EARLIER, THAT 96% CAME IN IN 2001, 93% IN 2002.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE OTHER QUESTIONS? ALL RIGHT. IS
18 THERE --

19

20 **ALEX CHAVES:** THAT IS REALLY MISLEADING, 95%, THAT'S NOT TRUE.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WAS THERE -- DID YOU HAVE -- YOU
23 DIDN'T GET AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK YES, AND MR. CHAVES, DID
24 YOU WISH TO SPEAK? OKAY. DID YOU WISH TO SPEAK? OKAY. ALL
25 RIGHT. YES.



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2 **LINDA AMPARA:** MY NAME IS LINDA AMPARA, AND I'M WITH THE

3 MACHINIST UNION, AND I AM THE BUSINESS AGENT FOR A 9471186,

4 AND THESE ARE MY MEMBERS OVER HERE. I HEAR JOHNSON CONTROL IS

5 GOING TO TAKE OVER A CONTRACT, AND I'M WONDERING IF THEY'RE

6 GOING TO OFFER ANOTHER UNION CONTRACT WITH THAT. ALSO, BY

7 JOHNSON CONTROL TAKING OVER THIS CONTRACT, ARE THEY GOING TO

8 KEEP THE WAGES THE SAME AS THEY ARE NOW, BECAUSE I'M NOT

9 HEARING THAT. IT SEEMS LIKE THEY'RE GOING TO BE WORKING OUT A

10 PIECEWORK, IF YOU ASK ME. ESPECIALLY IF YOU CAN'T GUARANTEE

11 THE AMOUNT OF CARS. WE WORKED HARD FOR THIS ORGANIZATION TO

12 GET THIS CONTRACT, AND YOU'RE SITTING HERE SPEAKING ABOUT THIS

13 CONTRACT, THIS CONTRACT, THAT CONTRACT, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE OUR

14 CONTRACT IS JUST STEPPED ON. NOBODY'S REALLY TAKING THAT INTO

15 CONSIDERATION. WE HAD -- WE HAD TO DOT OUR I'S AND CROSS OUR

16 T'S AND MAKE SURE THAT OUR EMPLOYEES -- OUR EMPLOYEES WHO ARE

17 -- WERE BENEFITED BY THIS CONTRACT. THEY'RE THE ONES WHO ARE

18 ULTIMATELY GOING TO BE AFFECTED BY THIS TAKEOVER AT JOHNSON.

19 WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH P.C.A. AND WE HAVE A CONTRACT. IT'S

20 NOT THE BEST CONTRACT IN THE WORLD. IF YOU THINK THEY MAKE

21 THAT MUCH MONEY, THEY DON'T. FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND, YOU'RE

22 GOING TO WORK OFF THE LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE. WELL, THAT'S

23 GOING TO BRING OUR MEMBERS DOWN AT LEAST \$4 IN PAY. THEY'RE --

24 AS FAR AS I KNOW, THE CONTRACTS ON THEIR MORTGAGES ARE GOING

25 TO REMAIN THE SAME, THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE THE SAME HOUSE



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1 PAYMENTS, THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE THE SAME CAR PAYMENTS. THE
2 COST OF LIVING IS NOT, YOU KNOW, IT'S GOING TO AFFECT THEM ALL
3 THE WAY AROUND. THEY HAVE A BUDGET, THEY'RE GOING TO BE
4 WORKING ON THIS BUDGET, AND IT'S GOING TO GO DOWN. THEY
5 PROBABLY HAVE TO TAKE ON TWO JOBS, AND THAT'S GOING TO AFFECT
6 THEIR FAMILIES. AND I THINK THIS IS THE MAIN ISSUE HERE, AND
7 NOBODY SEEMS TO BE ADDRESSING THAT AT ALL. ARE THE MEN THAT
8 ARE SITTING OVER THERE THAT ARE GOING TO BE AFFECTED BY THIS
9 CONTRACT, THAT IF WE DON'T HAVE OUR CONTRACT WITH P.C.A. FOR
10 THE MACHINIST UNION, IS JOHNSON CONTROL GOING TO TAKE OVER
11 THIS CONTRACT? THEY'RE NOT EVEN -- I CAN TELL YOU THAT SOME OF
12 THESE -- MY MEMBERS HAVE WORKED FOR JOHNSON CONTROL. THEY CAME
13 OVER TO P.C.A. BECAUSE THEY WERE OFFERING MORE MONEY BECAUSE
14 WE HAVE A CONTRACT. THE BENEFITS. ARE THEY GOING TO GIVE PAID
15 VACATION? SICK LEAVE? JURY DUTY? COST OF LIVING RAISES A ON,
16 YOU KNOW, ON A ANNUAL BASIS. IT SAYS HERE YOU'RE GOING TO LOOK
17 AT THIS -- YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GIVE ANYTHING FOR AT LEAST
18 THREE YEARS. THIS CONTRACT IS NOT GOING TO CHANGE AT LEAST FOR
19 THREE YEARS, SO HOW CAN THEY EVEN ESTIMATE ANYTHING WITHIN
20 THAT TIME? THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE ANY COST OF LIVING RAISES
21 UNTIL AFTER THAT. SO MY MAIN CONCERN HERE IS THE CONTRACT THAT
22 WE HAVE AND THIS -- IF YOU JUST IGNORE THE CONTRACT THAT WE
23 HAVE WITH OUR MEMBERS, THEN IT MIGHT START A TREND IN OTHER
24 COMPANIES JUST IGNORING THE CONTRACTS AND GOING WITH THE
25 LOWEST BIDDER. YOU ACTUALLY DO GET WHAT YOU PAY FOR. THESE ARE



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1 SKILLED MECHANICS. THIS IS A POSITION THAT NOBODY WANTS TO DO
2 AND NOBODY WANTS TO TAKE, AND YOU ACTUALLY DO GET WHAT YOU PAY
3 FOR. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU CAN HAVE THEM ON LIKE A PIECEWORK
4 BASIS TO SAY THEY'RE GOING TO GET PAID BY THIS AMOUNT OF CARS,
5 BECAUSE IF THEY DON'T GET PAID FOR THE AMOUNT OF CARS THAT
6 DON'T COME IN, THAT MEANS A MAN IS OUT OF WORK, SO WE'RE
7 HOPING THAT YOU'LL STAY WITH P.C.A. WE'RE WORKING WITH P.C.A.,
8 AND WE WANT GOOD WAGES AND BENEFITS AND EVERYTHING THAT'S
9 AVAILABLE TO THEM SO THEY CAN MAKE A DECENT LIVING, NOT A
10 WONDERFUL LIVING. OUR AVERAGE IS, LIKE, 10.50, \$11, SOME OF
11 THEM MAKE \$15, 20 -- \$15 TO \$18, BUT THIS IS NOT AN OUTLANDISH
12 AMOUNT OF PAY FOR ANY MECHANIC. SO WE WANT TO KEEP THAT
13 INTACT. SO WE'RE HOPING THAT YOU'LL LOOK AT THIS AND TREAT IT
14 WITH MS. MOLINA, SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S BROUGHT TO YOUR ATTENTION
15 THAT THESE COSTS ARE NOT TRUE. I DON'T BELIEVE THEY CAN BE
16 TRUE. I DON'T THINK THEY CAN REMAIN LIKE THAT, BECAUSE IT EVEN
17 SAYS HERE THAT THEY WILL ESTIMATE COSTS -- CONTRACT COSTS OF
18 SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON THE ACTUAL WORKLOAD. WHAT DOES THAT
19 DO FOR THE WORK -- WORKING PERSON? WHAT DOES THAT DO FOR THE
20 WORKER? TODAY, YOU WORK AND TOMORROW YOU DON'T. HOW DO YOU
21 DEVELOP A BUDGET ON THAT? THAT'S MY QUESTION.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

24

25 **LINDA AMPARA:** YOU'RE WELCOME.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** IS THE DEPARTMENT GOING TO RESPOND? I -- [
3 APPLAUSE]

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CAN THE DEPARTMENT RESPOND?

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7 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN THE ISSUE HERE I THINK, THE ONLY CHOICE,
8 YOU KNOW, IF THERE ARE UNANSWERED QUESTIONS THAT THE BOARD
9 FELT YOU CAN RE-BID IT, YOU CERTAINLY COULDN'T JUMP DOWN TO
10 P.C.A. BECAUSE THEY WERE LIKE THE FOURTH BIDDER OR SOMETHING
11 LIKE THAT. I MEAN, IF THAT WAS THE ISSUE, AND THEY APPEALED
12 AND THEY LOST. I MEAN, THE ONLY OPTION BEFORE US WOULD BE A
13 RE-BID BECAUSE OTHERWISE YOU'D HAVE TO GO TO THE SECOND LOW
14 BIDDER, THE THIRD LOW BIDDER BEFORE YOU GOT P.C.A. IS THAT
15 CORRECT?

16

17 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S CORRECT. THAT'S CORRECT. WELL YOU CAN ORDER A
18 RE-BID, BUT TYPICALLY YOU WOULD GO TO THE NEXT LOWER BIDDER IF
19 YOU FOUND THEM NONRESPONSIVE.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** IF I MAY MAKE, IF I MAY ONE MORE MOMENT, OUR PURPOSE
22 HERE TODAY IS TO SUGGEST THAT, I DON'T KNOW THAT THERE'S
23 ENOUGH STUDY. I HEARD THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF "I DON'T KNOW"
24 ANSWERS. THE ONLY THING WE HAVE IS INFORMATION THAT WE HAVE,
25 AND IT'S OBVIOUSLY CONFLICTING WITH OTHER INFORMATION. I THINK



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1 IT BEHOOVES US ALL TO SPEND THE TIME NECESSARY TO PROPERLY
2 STUDY THIS BEFORE WE JUMP OFF THIS CLIFF.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH I DON'T THINK -- MY COMMENT WAS NOT
5 REFLECTIVE THAT JOHNSON CONTROLS WASN'T RESPONSIVE. MY
6 QUESTION -- MY COMMENT WAS, AS IT RELATES TO A RE-BID, WAS
7 THERE'S STILL ENOUGH UNANSWERED QUESTIONS TO RE-BID IT. IT HAS
8 NOTHING TO DO WITH JOHNSON CONTROL.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IS THERE A MOTION?

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN, IT'S UP TO THE BOARD. I MEAN, THE OTHER
13 OPTION WOULD BE JUST TO RE-BID. I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S ANY
14 SUPPORT FOR THAT.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANY MOTION AT ALL?

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS THAT FOR, STAFF RECOMMENDATION?

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL I'M GOING TO MOVE THE STAFF
23 RECOMMENDATION.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE A SECOND? THERE'S A SECOND. IT'S
2 MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH. DO YOU WANT TO
3 CALL THE ROLL? WELL THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

4

5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO.

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

12

13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

20

21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND SUPERVISOR BURKE.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AYE.

24



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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THE MOTION CARRIES WITH SUPERVISOR MOLINA
2 AND SUPERVISOR KNABE VOTING 'NO.'

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THE --

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN I JUST ASK MR. FORTNER TO SEND THE CONTRACT
7 TO US WHEN THAT IS DONE?

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SOMEONE COULD HAVE MOVED A SUBSTITUTE
10 MOTION TO SEND IT BACK OUT TO BID. WHY DIDN'T YOU MOVE THE
11 SUBSTITUTE MOTION? DO YOU WANT TO RECONSIDER? [INDISCERNIBLE
12]

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** I MOVED IT.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHAT? YOU MOVED TO RECONSIDER?

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** NO, NO --

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH OKAY, THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT, OKAY, BUT
21 YOU VOTED NO RIGHT?

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT'S NEXT?

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER
2 ITEMS?

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THOSE ARE ALL MY ITEMS.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO-ONE MOVED TO RE-BID IT.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** UNDER -- UNDER -- SUPERVISOR MOLINA DID YOU -- YOU
9 JUST FINISHED YOUR ITEMS?

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT ABOUT THE REPORT BACK ON THE LIBRARY THING?
14 ARE YOU GOING TO DEAL WITH THAT?

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** I GUESS WE COULD.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** ON THOSE CITIES?

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY HAVEN'T -- THEY MIGHT AS WELL, IF THEY HAVE
21 THAT LIST. I HAVE NOT SEEN IT. I WAS ASKING EARLIER.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT, WELL, THEN, WE JUST NEED TO SEE
24 IT.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** DO YOU HAVE IT? SHE HAS IT. OKAY. WELL I HAD NOT
2 SEEN IT AS YET.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT WE'RE GOING TO ASK EVERYONE WHO
5 LEAVES THE BUILDING NOT TO LEAVE BY TEMPLE, BUT TO LEAVE BY
6 GRAND, AND IS THERE -- IF THERE ARE PEOPLE WHOSE CARS ARE IN
7 THE CATHEDRAL, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME UP AND WE'LL SPEAK TO
8 YOU, WE'LL HAVE AN OFFICER SPEAK TO YOU. THERE IS AN ISSUE
9 THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT AT THE -- THAT THEY'RE LOOKING AT AT THE
10 CATHEDRAL. EVERYONE'S BEING ASKED TO MOVE TO THIS SIDE. IF
11 THERE'S ANYONE -- DON'T GO TO YOUR CAR, YOU CAN'T GO TO YOUR
12 CAR. IF YOUR CAR IS AT THE CATHEDRAL, COME UP HERE AND SPEAK
13 TO HIM. EVERYONE IS OKAY IN HERE. JUST DON'T GO OUT -- WE WANT
14 YOU TO GO OUT GRAND. THERE'S A PROBLEM AT THE CATHEDRAL.
15 L.A.P.D. BOMB SQUAD IS TAKING CARE OF IT. ALL RIGHT.

16 SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS NOTHING FURTHER. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
17 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FORMER ATLANTA MAYOR,
18 MAYNARD HOLBROOKE JACKSON, AND HE PASSED AWAY AFTER SUFFERING
19 A HEART ATTACK IN WASHINGTON ON MONDAY, JUNE 23RD. HE WAS 65.
20 WE ALL -- MANY OF US NEW MAYNARD. WE KNEW HIM, OBVIOUSLY, AS
21 THE FORMER MAYOR OF ATLANTA. I PERSONALLY HAVE CONVERSATIONS
22 WITH HIM OVER THE YEARS. VERY RECENTLY, HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE
23 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE VOTING RIGHTS INSTITUTE AND WAS
24 VERY INVOLVED IN ELECTION REFORM. ALSO, HE HAD A RELATIONSHIP
25 WITH THE COUNTY FROM TIME TO TIME IN TERMS OF HIS COMPANY,



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1 JACKSON SECURITIES, ON VARIOUS ISSUES THAT CAME BEFORE THE
2 COUNTY, AND WE KNOW THAT HE WILL BE SO MISSED BECAUSE HE WAS
3 VIBRANT AND SOMEONE THAT CERTAINLY CARED A GREAT DEAL ABOUT
4 PEOPLE, CARED ABOUT MINORITY BUSINESS, CARED ABOUT ALL OF
5 THOSE ISSUES OF GREAT CONCERN, AND WE JUST -- IT'S VERY HARD
6 TO THINK ABOUT MAYNARD JACKSON NOT BEING WITH US, BUT WE WANT
7 TO ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I WANT TO SECOND THAT. AND I
10 GOT TO KNOW HIM OVER THE YEARS AS WELL. HE DID SOME WORK WITH
11 THE CITY, AS WELL AS THE COUNTY, AND HE WAS A GOOD MAYOR, HE
12 DID A GREAT JOB --

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES HE WAS.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AS MAYOR OF ATLANTA AND CHANGED THE FACE OF
17 THAT CITY, AND AN HISTORIC FIGURE IN THE POLITICS OF THE SOUTH
18 AND THE POLITICS OF URBAN POLITICS IN THIS COUNTRY, AND IT'S A
19 REAL LOSS.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT ALSO, FREDDIE MEEKS, WHO PASSED
22 AWAY ON JUNE 19TH, 2003 AT THE AGE OF 83. MR. MEEKS WAS AMONG
23 258 SAILORS WHO REFUSED TO RESUME LOADING MUNITION AT PORT
24 CHICAGO NAVAL BASE NEAR CONCORDE DURING WORLD WAR II AFTER
25 EXPLOSIONS DESTROYED TWO SHIPS AND KILLED 320 MEN. AND IT WAS



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1 THE DEADLIEST STATESIDE DISASTER OF WORLD WAR II. HE WAS AMONG
2 50 MEN WHO ULTIMATELY WERE CONVICTED OF MUTINY AND SENTENCED
3 TO PRISON FOR A TERM AS LONG AS 15 YEARS. THEIR SENTENCES WERE
4 LATER REDUCED, BUT THE MEN SPENT THE REST OF THEIR LIVES UNDER
5 THE PALL OF INJUSTICE. ONLY MR. MEEKS SAW HIS HONOR RESTORED.
6 HE WAS PARDONED BY PRESIDENT CLINTON IN 1999. THE BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS HONORED FREDDIE MEEKS AT A BOARD MEETING A FEW
8 MONTHS LATER. HE WAS A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES, SURVIVED BY
9 HIS WIFE OF 62 YEARS, ELEANOR, A DAUGHTER, SHERYL JACKSON OF
10 LOS ANGELES, AND TWO SONS, DARRELL AND BRIAN. AND MARY JENSEN
11 WAS A YOUNG WOMAN WHO SUFFERED AND HAD BEEN ILL FOR 11 YEARS,
12 WHO PASSED AWAY ON MAY 31ST AFTER A LONG STAY IN THE HOSPITAL.
13 SHE WAS A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF DOMINGEZ HILLS AND IS SURVIVED
14 BY HER HUSBAND, MIKE JENSEN AND TWO SONS. RALPH M. DAVIS, JR.
15 WAS A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT AND FORMER 20-
16 YEAR EMPLOYEE OF CHEVRON OIL REFINERY AND 7-YEAR EMPLOYEE OF
17 HERTZ CORPORATION. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, CAROLYN DAVIS,
18 DAUGHTERS ROCHELLE HESTER AND CHRISTINE ODUM, AND HIS SON,
19 RALPH DAVIS III. AND JACQUELINE BLACK-PARKIN, SENIOR MENTAL
20 HEALTH COUNSELOR, REGISTERED NURSE AND SUPERVISOR AT COMPTON
21 MENTAL HEALTH CENTER IN THE CITY OF COMPTON. HER GUIDANCE OVER
22 THE DAY REHABILITATION PROGRAM WAS VALUED GREATLY. SHE'S BEEN
23 EMPLOYED WITH THE COUNTY SINCE MARCH, 1994, AND HER DEDICATED
24 AND ENGAGING SMILE WILL BE MISSED. INGLEWOOD MOTORCYCLE
25 OFFICER, WHO WAS KILLED THIS MORNING IN A TRAGIC ACCIDENT ON



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1 THE 60 FREEWAY WHILE ON DUTY, AND WE WILL PROVIDE THE NAME OF
2 THE OFFICER LATER. ALL MEMBERS. AND RETIRED NURSE FOR KAISER,
3 WALTER JAY PARKER. SHE'S ROBERT RYAN'S MOTHER-IN-LAW. THIS'LL
4 BE ALL MEMBERS. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER, JOHANNA RYAN,
5 FAME PARKER, AND SONS, TIMOTHY PARKER, WALTER PARKER AND JACOB
6 PARKER, AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN. SHE'S ROBERT RYAN'S MOTHER-IN-
7 LAW. ALL MEMBERS ON THAT ONE. OKAY, LET'S SEE. WE HAVE -- ITEM
8 25. THAT WAS BEING HELD. WELL I WON'T CALL 25, I'LL LET
9 SUPERVISOR KNABE CALL THAT ONE UP. ALL RIGHT YOU JUST HAVE AN
10 AMENDMENT? OKAY. LET'S HAVE YOUR AMENDMENT.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH MY -- IT'S ITEM 25. IT'S SUPERVISOR
13 YAROSLAVSKY'S MOTION. I JUST AMEND IT TO STATE SENATOR KEVIN
14 MURRAY RECENTLY INTRODUCED SENATE RESOLUTION SR-23. IT'S ALSO
15 IN RESPONSE TO THE CITY OF ANGELES GOING AND ACQUIRING EL TORO
16 MARINE CORPS AVIATION INFRASTRUCTURE IN ORANGE COUNTY. I WOULD
17 MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORT SR-23 AND DIRECT
18 THE C.A.O. TO SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE 40 STATE SENATORS
19 CALLING UPON THEM TO QUICKLY PASS THIS IMPORTANT RESOLUTION,
20 THAT'D BE AMENDMENT -- AND I THINK SOMEONE ELSE IS HERE --

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALLEN BEEK IS HERE TO -- ALLEN BEEK IS HERE
23 TO SPEAK.

24



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1 **ALLEN BEEK:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS ALLEN BEEK, I AM
2 FROM ORANGE COUNTY. THIS IS THE KIND OF POSITIVE AND
3 CONSTRUCTIVE ACT OF GOVERNMENT THAT I THINK WE HEARD PRAYED
4 FOR IN THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING AND OUR PRAYER IS BEING
5 ANSWERED. WE CERTAINLY NEED THIS KIND OF HELP FROM LOS ANGELES
6 COUNTY, AND I JUST WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON WHAT YOU'RE
7 DOING AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M IN SUPPORT OF THE ACTION.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** I TELL YOU WHAT SIR, YOU HAVE THE PATIENCE OF JOBE
12 TO WAIT ALL DAY TO SAY THAT AND WE APPRECIATE IT, THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M TELLING YOU THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
15 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WAIT, WAIT, WAIT, I WANT TO --

18

19 **ALLEN BEEK:** IT'S BEEN QUITE AN EDUCATION.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH, I'M SORRY, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I JUST HAVE A PROBLEM IN THAT YOU HAVE YOU A
24 COUNTY THAT HAS AN ELECTION PROCESS, THE VOTERS INDICATE A
25 WILL TO NOT DEVELOP AN AIRPORT, BE IT RIGHT OR WRONG, AND THAT



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1 WAS THEIR DESIRE. THEY LIVE IN THAT AREA, THEY PAY TAXES IN
2 THAT AREA, AND THEN THEY HAVE ANOTHER JURISDICTION GO IN AND
3 SAY, WE'RE GOING TO DEVELOP IT THROUGH A SECRET COMMUNICATION
4 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WITHOUT BEING UP FRONT
5 WITH THE PEOPLE SAYING, "WE WILL GO AHEAD AND OFFER A
6 PROPOSAL" IT IS, I THINK, A LITTLE ARROGANT AND WRONG. WE NEED
7 REGIONAL AIRPORTS. WE'RE VERY SUPPORTIVE OF REGIONAL AIRPORTS,
8 AND WE HAVE ONTARIO, PALMDALE, AND PLANT 42. WE HAVE BURBANK
9 AND LONG BEACH AND WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF EXPANDING ON
10 ONTARIO AND PALMDALE TO MEET REGIONAL NEEDS, BUT TO DELAY THE
11 DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL AIRPORTS WITHIN OUR COUNTY TO GO INTO
12 ANOTHER COUNTY TO DEVELOP AN AIRPORT THAT WAS REJECTED BY THE
13 VOTERS, I DON'T BELIEVE IS THE PROPER PROCEDURE, AND THE WAY
14 OF HAVING A GOOD NEIGHBORSHIP WITH OUR NEIGHBORING COUNTY, AND
15 IF THE COUNTY OF ORANGE WANTS L.A. CITY TO OPERATE THE
16 AIRPORT, THEN LET THEM COME TO THE AIRPORT COMMISSION AND SAY,
17 "THIS IS OUR DESIRE," BUT SHORT OF THAT, I DON'T FEEL IT'S OUR
18 PREROGATIVE TO INTERVENE INTO ANOTHER COUNTY'S ISSUE THAT
19 OUGHT TO BE RESOLVED BY THAT COUNTY.

20
21 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL MY MOTION DIDN'T SAY AT THE EXPENSE OF ANY
22 REGIONALIZATION WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I MEAN, I STILL
23 STRONGLY SUPPORT PALMDALE AND ONTARIO AND EVERYTHING ELSE.
24 THERE ARE TWO SUPERVISORS DOWN THERE THAT SUPPORTED THE IDEA.



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THAT'S TWO IS A MINORITY. THREE DON'T.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S CALL THE ROLL.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PLUS LET THE VOTERS VOTED, AND THEY VOTED NO,
6 SO.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CALL THE ROLL PLEASE.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** I'M CALLING THE ROLL ON THE ITEM 25 AND
11 THE AMENDMENT.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AS AMENDED.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AS AMENDED, AS AMENDED. SUPERVISOR
16 MOLINA.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** [INAUDIBLE].

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

23

24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

2

3 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND SUPERVISOR BURKE.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AYE.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THE MOTION CARRIES WITH SUPERVISOR
12 ANTONOVICH VOTING "NO."

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 27. I HAVE AN AMENDMENT, IS THE REASON
15 I HELD IT AND THAT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HELD IT. I'LL PASS
16 THE AMENDMENT AROUND. BASICALLY IT'S AUTHORIZED THE C.A.O. TO
17 SIGN A PARTNERSHIP CERTIFICATE FORM ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS UPON REQUEST BY THE L.A. COUNTY OFFICE OF
19 EDUCATION, THE L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ANY OTHER
20 SCHOOL DISTRICT WITHIN THE COUNTY CONSISTENT WITH THE
21 EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT GRANT COMPETITION
22 CONDUCTED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OFFICE OF SAFE
23 AND DRUG-FREE SCHOOL DIVISIONS. I THINK BASICALLY THAT'S THE
24 MOTION.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT THAT'S -- THAT'S THE --

2

3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT WE HAVE, THE JOINT AMENDMENT.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AMENDMENT THAT WE WERE JOINTLY PUTTING IN.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO I'LL MOVE IT, I'LL MOVE IT.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY KNABE,
12 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OKAY. ITEM 30. THIS IS HELD BY
13 WILLIAM PRYOR AND JOHN REESE. ARE THEY HERE? ALL RIGHT.
14 SUPERVISOR KNABE, CAN I TURN THIS OVER TO YOU FOR A WHILE?

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** SURE, AM I -- ZEV NOW? ARE YOU FINISHED?

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** [INAUDIBLE] ACTUALLY YOU CAN GO TO OR
19 CALL THIS ITEM AND THEN WE'LL GO TO SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT ITEM WAS IT?

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S ITEM 30.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** ITEM 30?



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE STILL HAVE 48 AND 53 TO GO.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY, YOU WANT TO GO AHEAD AND PROCEED?

5

6 **JOHN REESE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I HAVE SOME REMARKS HERE FROM WILL
7 PRYOR OF LOCAL 1014, WHO STUCK AROUND AS LONG AS HE COULD, AND
8 WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I'D LIKE TO PASS THESE TO THE CHIEF
9 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR CONSIDERATION BY YOUR BOARD.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** COULD WE HAVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD, PLEASE?

12

13 **JOHN REESE:** YES. JOHN REESE.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** THANKS. WELCOME JOHN.

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17 **JOHN REESE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH SIR. ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT
18 ROY BURNS AND OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS I HAD ACTUALLY WRITTEN IN
19 HERE "GOOD MORNING," BUT I'M GOING TO AMEND THAT TO GET 'GOOD
20 AFTERNOON." I'M JOHN REESE EXECUTIVE --

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOUR PRAYERS WEREN'T ANSWERED AS QUICKLY AS
23 THE OTHER GUY'S.

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1 **JOHN REESE:** I OF COURSE AM JOHN REESE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
2 THE ASSOCIATION FOR LOS ANGELES DEPUTY SHERIFFS. WE ARE THE
3 UNION THAT REPRESENTS APPROXIMATELY 70 TO A HUNDRED RANK AND
4 FILE DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATORS IN
5 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND I AM HERE TODAY IN SUPPORT OF YOUR
6 ENDORSEMENT OF AB-1690. IT'S NO SECRET THAT THE FINANCIAL
7 CONDITION OF THE STATE IS ALL BUT ON LIFE SUPPORT. ONE RECENT
8 REPORT INDICATED THAT THE CALIFORNIA LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE
9 FIGHTERS MAY FACE AS MUCH AS A 1.16 BILLION OR 25% CUT IN
10 REVENUES, WHICH COULD TRANSLATE INTO THE LAYOFF OF
11 APPROXIMATELY 5,000 PEACE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS ON A
12 STATE-WIDE BASIS. IN L.A. COUNTY ALONE, THE CUTS COULD MEAN A
13 REDUCTION OF AS MANY AS 525 DEPUTY SHERIFFS. AT THE SAME TIME,
14 THE 2002 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT ON CRIME INDICATES THAT
15 CRIME, PARTICULARLY CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS, ARE ON THE RISE.
16 AS JUST ONE EXAMPLE, THE MURDER RATE IN LOS ANGELES LAST YEAR
17 HAD A DOUBLE DIGIT INCREASE. SIMPLY PUT, IN A POST 9-1-1
18 ENVIRONMENT, THE WHOLESALE REDUCTION OF ESSENTIAL PUBLIC
19 SAFETY SERVICES IS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE. NOW, AS WE
20 UNDERSTAND IT, AB-1690, WHICH ADMITTEDLY IS AN IMPERFECT
21 SOLUTION, AT BEST, PROVIDES, BASED UPON A VOTE OF THE
22 ELECTORATE, THAT INDIVIDUAL CITIES AND COUNTIES WILL HAVE THE
23 OPTION OF CREATING A LOCAL PROPERTY TAX TO AUGMENT THE
24 FINANCING OF PUBLIC AND SAFETY SERVICES. FURTHER, AS WE
25 UNDERSTAND, IF BOTH THE CITIES AND THE COUNTIES APPROVE THE



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1 MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX RATE, WHICH WOULD BE, AS WE UNDERSTAND,
2 8% FOR A MUNICIPALITY AND 2% FOR A COUNTY, THAT THE IMPACT ON
3 A LOCAL PROPERTY TAXPAYER WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$70 PER YEAR.
4 BUT NONE OF THIS WOULD HAPPEN IF THE VOTERS DON'T APPROVE THE
5 PROPOSITION THEMSELVES. I'M SURE THAT IT DOESN'T COME AS ANY
6 SURPRISE TO YOU WHEN I STATE THAT OUR MEMBERSHIP TENDS TO BE
7 FAIRLY CONSERVATIVE, BOTH FISCALLY AND POLITICALLY. SO AS A
8 GENERAL RULE, OUR ASSOCIATION DOES NOT FAVOR NEW TAXES.
9 HOWEVER, THE SAFETY VALVE IN AB-1690 IS IT ONLY BY A VOTE OF
10 THE LOCAL ELECTORATE, NOT BY THE CAPRICIOUS WHIM OF
11 POLITICIANS IN SACRAMENTO, CAN ANY SUCH MEASURE BE
12 IMPLEMENTED. A.L.A.D.S. THEREFORE URGES YOUR BOARD TO SUPPORT
13 THE PASSAGE OF AB-1690 AND PERMIT THE ULTIMATE DECISION AS TO
14 WHETHER PUBLIC SAFETY SHOULD HAVE A DEDICATED REVENUE STREAM
15 BE THE DECISION OF AN INFORMED ELECTORATE. THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, I MEAN, I'M OBVIOUSLY IN -- I BROUGHT
18 IN THE MOTION TO OPPOSE IT, AND I THINK NOT ALL OF US WERE ON
19 BOARD WITH A.L.A.D.S. AND 1014 AS RELATED TO PROP 172 BECAUSE
20 THAT WAS AN EQUAL TAX ACROSS THE BOARD STATE-WIDE, AND I
21 THINK, YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I DON'T LIKE ABOUT
22 1690 IS THAT I THINK IT'LL CREATE INEQUITIES AND BECOME A
23 POLITICAL FOOTBALL, AND AS IT RELATES TO INCOME TAXES, THAT'S
24 A STATE OR A FEDERAL RESPONSIBILITY, TO SET THOSE TABLES OR TO
25 SET THOSE LAWS, AND TO HAVE ONE, WHETHER IT'S UNINCORPORATED



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1 OR WHETHER IT'S A CITY, A CITY VERSUS CITY, I JUST AGREE WITH
2 YOU THAT IT'S AN IMPERFECT BILL, BUT -- AND HAS A LOT OF ROOM
3 FOR WORK, BUT ANY TIME YOU'RE DEALING WITH TAXES, THAT IT'S
4 GOT TO BE ON EQUITABLE BASIS, AND PITTING ONE CITY AGAINST
5 ANOTHER OR ONE CITY VERSUS AN UNINCORPORATED AREA, I DON'T
6 THINK IT'S FAIR OR RIGHT. AND LIKE I SAY, I MEAN WHEN IT'S
7 RELATED TO 172 BEING ACROSS THE BOARD FOR EVERYONE STATE-WIDE,
8 WE WERE THERE WITH YOU.

9

10 **JOHN REESE:** UNDERSTOOD, AND I GUESS THE ONLY THING I WOULD SAY
11 AGAIN IS THAT WE, OF COURSE, RECOGNIZE IT IS AN IMPERFECT
12 SOLUTION, I THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE STATE AND I THINK A
13 LOT OF PEOPLE IN PUBLIC OFFICE, LIKE PEOPLE IN RESPONSIBLE
14 POSITIONS SUCH AS YOURSELF ARE SEARCHING FOR SOME SORT OF
15 SOLUTION, THAT ON A STRUCTURAL BASIS, ARE GOING TO ALTER -- IS
16 GOING TO ALTER THE WAY YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO DECIDE HOW
17 YOU'RE GOING TO KEEP PROGRAMS ALIVE. WE UNDERSTAND IT'S A
18 TREMENDOUS BURDEN YOU HAVE. IS THIS THE PERFECT SOLUTION? NO.
19 IS IT SOMETHING THAT -- I MEAN, IF IT DEFAULTS ON TO THE
20 SHOULDERS OF THE LOCAL TAXPAYERS, I THINK THAT'S WHY WE THINK
21 THAT WE CAN SUPPORT IT, BECAUSE IT RESTS WITH THEM AND NO ONE
22 ELSE. IF THEY SAY THAT THAT'S SOMETHING THAT THEY'RE IN FAVOR
23 OF DOING, THEN WHO CAN OPPOSE THAT? IF THEY DON'T, THEN THAT'S
24 IT, AND I THINK I'VE MADE IT ABOUT AS CLEAR AS I CAN, I
25 RESPECT WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU. I WOULD --

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YOU KNOW, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF
5 CITIES THAT DO HAVE AN INCOME TAX, AND THIS IS NOT IMPOSING A
6 CITY INCOME TAX.

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8 **SPEAKER:** NOT IN CALIFORNIA.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO, NOT IN CALIFORNIA. THIS STATE -- THIS
11 WOULD AUTHORIZE A CITY TO HAVE IT. NEW YORK HAS IT, AND MOST
12 OF THE PLACES THAT HAVE IT, IT'S BECAUSE THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO
13 LIVE OUTSIDE WHO COME IN TO WORK IN THE CITY, AND AS A RESULT,
14 THEY HAVE TO PROVIDE A CERTAIN NUMBER OF SERVICES TO THEM, BUT
15 THEY DON'T ACTUALLY LIVE WITHIN THE CITY AND THE CITY DOES NOT
16 ALWAYS HAVE THE BENEFIT OF THEIR TAXES --

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S A PAYROLL TAX, AND I'M NOT SURE --

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE CITY OF NEW YORK HAS AN INCOME TAX.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, BUT IT'S A TAX ON PEOPLE WHO MAKE AN
23 INCOME IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK LIKE YOU SAID.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S RIGHT, RIGHT THERE'S PEOPLE WHO MAKE

2 --

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M NOT SURE THIS BILL -- I READ IT LAST

5 NIGHT. I'M NOT SURE IT'S THE SAME THING, BUT MAYBE -- IT'S AN

6 INCOME TAX BUT --

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS IT THE SAME AS THEY HAVE IN OHIO?

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHO GETS CHARGED THE INCOME TAX?

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** EVERY SINGLE RESIDENT --

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PEOPLE WHO RESIDE IN THE CITY -- WHAT IF YOU

15 RESIDE IN THE CITY AND YOU WORK IN CULVER CITY?

16

17 **SPEAKER:** I CAN'T TELL YOU THE ANSWER TO THAT, SUPERVISOR.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHAT IF YOU LIVE IN CULVER CITY AND WORK

20 IN THE CITY OF L.A.? DO YOU PAY THE -- OR IS IT JUST L.A.

21 RESIDENTS --

22

23 **SPEAKER:** RESIDENTS OF THE JURISDICTION I THINK SUPERVISOR.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I KNOW THAT WHEN I WORKED FOR A COMPANY
2 THAT WAS IN NEW YORK, I LIVED IN LOS ANGELES, BUT THOSE
3 EARNINGS THAT WERE IN NEW YORK, I HAD TO PAY TAX ON.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT, BUT THAT'S BECAUSE OF THE WAY THE NEW
6 YORK INCOME TAX LAW IS WRITTEN.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S SPECIFIC TO THAT AND IT'S CREATED --
11 CAUGHT PEOPLE LIKE YOU, BUT IT'S CREATED A LOT OF OTHER
12 INEQUITIES TOO.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YEAH BUT IT CAUGHT PEOPLE LIKE ME YES.
15 YEAH?

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN I ASK A QUESTION OF OUR SPEAKER? YOU KNOW, IN
18 LOOKING AT ALL THESE VARIOUS SOLUTIONS, THIS BOARD SUPPORTED A
19 TIPLER TAX. WE COULD NOT GET ANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO CO-
20 AUTHORED THIS PARTICULAR BILL TO SUPPORT US, AND THAT WAS A
21 FEE, A TAX ON LIQUOR JUST TO SAVE OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. WHY
22 ARE THEY ALL OF A SUDDEN PROPOSING A PERSONAL INCOME TAX,
23 WHICH, IF THE SURVEYS THAT HAVE BEEN DONE IS THAT MOST VOTERS
24 WOULD GREATLY VOTE FOR TAXING THEIR LIQUOR THAN THEY WOULD
25 OVER TAXING THEIR INCOME. I MEAN, YOU KNOW, YOU SAID YOU'RE



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1 LOOKING FOR SOLUTIONS. WE PROPOSED SOLUTIONS. WE COULDN'T EVEN
2 GET A VOTE OUT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THIS BILL. I HAD NO ONE
3 FROM THE FIRE FIGHTERS, FROM A.L.A.D.S., FROM ANYONE SITTING
4 THERE WAITING FOR US TO BEG. I MEAN, THE WINE INDUSTRY CAME IN
5 AND ALL THOSE GUYS JUST DISAPPEARED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. I
6 HAD NO LABOR SUPPORT WHATSOEVER.

7

8 **JOHN REESE:** I'M SORRY. I DON'T HAVE A RESPONSE FOR YOU ON
9 THAT. I WILL -- IF YOU WOULD LIKE, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO TO GO
10 BACK AND SPEAK TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH
11 THAT. I'M RELATIVELY NEW IN MY POSITION HERE, SO IT'S GOING TO
12 BE DIFFICULT FOR ME TO BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU A HISTORICAL
13 PERSPECTIVE, BUT AS A COURTESY TO YOU, I WILL BE HAPPY TO SEE
14 WHAT I CAN FIND OUT AND PROVIDE THAT TO YOU.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D BE HAPPY TO TO FIND OUT AS WELL, BECAUSE IT
17 WAS A VERY, VERY LONELY TIME UP THERE. DAVID AND I SAT THERE
18 AND -- ALL DAY LONG AND WE COULDN'T EVEN GET ONE MEMBER TO
19 EVEN LISTEN TO US, AND WE NEVER GOT IT OUT OF COMMITTEE, IT
20 WAS NEVER EVEN HEARD.

21

22 **JOHN REESE:** AS I SAID, SUPERVISOR BURKE, SUPERVISOR MOLINA,
23 I'LL BE HAPPY TO SEE WHAT I CAN FIND OUT AND COMMUNICATE THAT
24 TO YOUR STAFF TO YOU.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU KNOW, AS THEY ALWAYS SAID, THE POWER OF
4 TAX IS THE POWER TO DESTROY BY JUSTICE, JOHN MARSHALL IN ONE
5 OF HIS OPINIONS, BUT WE DO HAVE A PROBLEM. IT'S A
6 DYSFUNCTIONAL PROBLEM, AND IT'S ONE AS A RESULT OF
7 OVERSPENDING, BUT IF WE WANT TO DEVELOP A FAIR MECHANISM FOR
8 PUBLIC SAFETY, THEN THEY OUGHT TO TAKE A DEDICATION OF ONE
9 PERCENT OR HALF A PERCENT OF THE EXISTING INCOME TAX AND
10 DIVERT THAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY, PUBLIC SAFETY BEING LAW
11 ENFORCEMENT, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, PUBLIC DEFENDER,
12 PROBATION, THE CORONER, AND THOSE WHO COMPRISE OUR PUBLIC
13 SAFETY COMMUNITY. OR CURRENTLY, OUT OF OUR EIGHT AND A QUARTER
14 PERCENT SALES TAX, WE ONLY GET ABOUT A PENNY. OUR CITIES
15 RECEIVE ONLY ABOUT A PENNY. HAVING AN ADDITIONAL PENNY OF OUR
16 EXISTING SALE TAXES BE DEDICATED TO PUBLIC SAFETY, AND THAT
17 INCLUDES, YOU KNOW, FIRE AS WELL, AND I TALK ABOUT THE PUBLIC
18 SAFETY COMMUNITY. THERE WE HAVE AN EXISTING TAX THAT WE HAVE
19 BEING DIRECTED TO A PARTICULAR NEED. THAT WOULD MAKE MORE
20 SENSE THAN IMPOSING AN INCOME TAX WHICH WILL JUST ADD TO THE
21 EXODUS OF JOBS THAT WE'VE HAD, AND THE SURVEYS THAT CAME OUT
22 IN THE PAST, I BELIEVE, 10 YEARS, WE LOST 2.2 MILLION PEOPLE
23 IN CALIFORNIA. THEY'VE MOVED TO OTHER STATES, AND ARIZONA AND
24 NEVADA HAVE BEEN BENEFICIARIES OF THAT. NEVADA HAS ESTABLISHED
25 AN OMBUDSMAN TO BRING IN LOCAL BUSINESSES FROM CALIFORNIA TO



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1 THEIR STATE. IT WOULD SEEM TO ME ANY LOOK AT THE RECENT
2 STATISTICS, LAST MONTH WE LOST 21,500 JOBS IN LOS ANGELES
3 COUNTY, ACCORDING TO THE L.A. BUSINESS JOURNAL'S REPORT LAST
4 WEEK. SO WE NEED TO BE PROVIDING INCENTIVES FOR PEOPLE TO COME
5 HERE TO CREATE JOBS AND THOSE JOBS WILL CREATE REVENUES
6 NECESSARY TO DO THOSE PUBLIC SERVICES THAT WE'RE REQUIRED TO
7 DO. BUT HAVING A DEDICATION OF A PERCENTAGE OF THE EXISTING
8 INCOME TAX OR A PERCENTAGE OF THE EXISTING SALES TAX FOR
9 PUBLIC SAFETY WOULD BE A BETTER WAY OF MEETING THE NEEDS THAT
10 WE NEED TO MEET, ENSURING THAT WE HAVE SAFE COMMUNITIES.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU KNOW, I'D JUST LIKE TO ADD ONE THING,
13 IS THAT WE DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO LIMIT WHO WORKS FOR
14 CITIES AND COUNTIES, BECAUSE ANYONE WHO WORKS FOR A CITY OR
15 COUNTY CAN COME FROM ANYWHERE. SOME OF OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES
16 LIVE IN IDAHO, AND ONE OF THE WAYS THAT PLACES THAT HAVE
17 PEOPLE WHO LIVE OUTSIDE CAN PAY IN PART FOR THE SERVICES THAT
18 ARE RENDERED INSIDE THAT CITY IS TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO PASS,
19 NOW, THIS DOESN'T MANDATE -- IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THIS
20 DOESN'T MANDATE A CITY INCOME TAX. ALL IT DOES IS AUTHORIZE A
21 CITY, IF IT SO DESIRES, TO PUT THAT ON THE BALLOT AND ALLOW
22 THE PEOPLE OF THAT CITY TO MAKE THAT DECISION. NOW, IF IT HAD
23 BEEN A MATTER THAT WE DID NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO PUT
24 MEASURE B ON THE BALLOT, WE WOULD REALLY BE IN A BAD
25 SITUATION, AND MY INCLINATION ORDINARILY IS TO LET THE PEOPLE



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1 IN A LOCALITY MAKE A DECISION AND TO DECIDE HOW THEY WANT TO
2 DO IT. BUT WE HAVE THIS BEFORE US. IT'S MOVED BY KNABE. WHO IS
3 SECONDING IT? ANTONOVICH?

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TO OPPOSE IT.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** I'LL SECOND IT.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST WOULD LIKE TO SAY A WORD ABOUT IT
10 MADAM CHAIR, IF I CAN. THERE ARE A LOT OF UNANSWERED QUESTIONS
11 ABOUT THIS. THAT'S MY PROBLEM. I TRIED TO READ THIS THING AND
12 I DID READ IT THREE OR FOUR TIMES YESTERDAY, AND I'M NOT ANY
13 BETTER INFORMED ABOUT IT AFTER HAVING READ IT THREE OR FOUR
14 TIMES THAN I WAS BEFORE, I HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS. THE
15 REASON, JUST TO ADDRESS MS. BURKE'S POINT, WHICH I ALSO
16 BELIEVE THAT PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO VOTE ON THINGS, AND, IN
17 FACT, I WISH SOMETIMES WE'D HAVE MORE FLEXIBILITY EVEN THAN
18 THAT, BUT THIS BILL IS SETTING UP A STATE-WIDE SYSTEM THAT
19 COULD PIT, AS I THINK MIKE SAID, COUNTY AGAINST COUNTY, CITY
20 AGAINST UNINCORPORATED AREA, CITY AGAINST CITY. YOU COULD
21 HAVE, JUST IN THE WESTERN PART OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, YOU
22 COULD HAVE CALABASAS WITH A 8% INCOME TAX, AND AGOURA HILLS
23 WITHOUT ONE, WEST LAKE VILLAGE HAS ONE. THE UNINCORPORATED
24 AREA MIGHT NOT HAVE ONE, AND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THAT, IN ALL
25 KINDS OF WAYS, BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT SERVICES, ALL KINDS OF



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1 IMPLICATIONS TO IT, REALLY HAVEN'T BEEN THOUGHT THROUGH. I'M
2 KIND OF WHERE GLORIA IS, TOO. YOU KNOW, IT'S VERY INTERESTING.
3 HEH. YOU TRY TO GET A TAX ON HARD LIQUOR OR EVEN ON HARD
4 LIQUOR, AND BEER AND WINE, BUT EVEN ON HARD LIQUOR, IN THE
5 STATE LEGISLATURE YOU CAN'T GET TO FIRST BASE. BUT TO SET UP A
6 SYSTEM WHERE YOU COULD IMPOSE AN INCOME TAX ON PEOPLE, AND YET
7 ANOTHER INCOME TAX ON PEOPLE, WE ALREADY PAID TWO INCOME
8 TAXES, THAT WENT THROUGH THE ASSEMBLY, AS FAR AS I KNOW, IT
9 WENT THROUGH 4135. IT'S IN THE SENATE NOW. IT'S IN THE SENATE.
10 SO I DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT HAS A CHANCE OF GETTING THROUGH OR
11 NOT, BUT SOMETHING LIKE THIS OUGHT TO BE THOUGHT THROUGH MORE
12 CAREFULLY AND VETTED MORE THAN THE DAY BEFORE WE CAME UP FOR -
13 - I GOT A BUNCH OF CALLS ON IT YESTERDAY, AND THIS HAS BEEN ON
14 THE AGENDA I THINK A WEEK OR SO, AND A COUPLE OF WEEKS, MAYBE,
15 AND I THINK THIS THING HAS A -- I THINK YOU SAID IT, MR.
16 REESE, IT -- THERE'S STILL A LOT OF UNANSWERED QUESTIONS TO
17 IT, AND I -- I'D RATHER SEE IT THOUGHT THROUGH IN THE NEXT
18 YEAR. IT'S NOT GOING TO SOLVE A LOT OF PROBLEMS. IT'S NOT BIG
19 ENOUGH TO SOLVE ANYBODY'S FISCAL PROBLEM, BUT IT'S BIG ENOUGH
20 TO HAVE A POLITICAL BATTLE EVERY TIME A CITY OR A MUNICIPALITY
21 OR A COUNTY WANTS TO IMPOSE IT. I JUST WISH WE HAD HAD SOME
22 INPUT INTO IT EARLIER ON, AND MAYBE WE STILL COULD DOWN THE
23 LINE.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR KNABE?



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** MADE THE MOTION.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVES TO OPPOSED AND SECONDED BY
5 YAROSLAVSKY. I'M GOING TO ABSTAIN ON THAT. HMM? YOU'RE VOTING
6 "YES"? [INAUDIBLE]

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** UH-HUH, AND ANTONOVICH IS "YES". IT'S
9 APPROVED. AND THE NEXT ITEM IS 48. I THINK THE PERSON WHO HAS
10 ASKED TO SPEAK ON THIS IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.

11

12 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THIS
13 IS GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL AND MY CONCERN ABOUT ITEM 48 IS THAT,
14 FIRST OF ALL, THE SUPPORT DOCUMENTS WITH THAT ITEM WERE VERY
15 SKIMPY AND REALLY DID NOT DEAL WITH THE ISSUE IN TOTALITY.
16 ALSO, I AM VERY CONCERNED THAT, AGAIN, WE ARE NEGOTIATING AND
17 EXECUTING A DOCUMENT WITH L.A. CARE ABOUT THE HEALTHY KIDS
18 PROGRAM WHEN THE LAST TIME AROUND, THEY FAIL TO ENROLL ENOUGH
19 CHILDREN IN THAT PROGRAM AND LOST A LOT OF MONEY. SO I WILL
20 REALLY APPRECIATE IF YOU LOOK OVER AND MONITOR THAT CONTRACT
21 TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS TIME, INDEED, THERE ENROLL A
22 SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF CHILDREN AND THE MONEY DON'T -- DON'T
23 HAS TO GO BACK TO THE STATE.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT STAY THERE. YOU MOVED FOR 52, YOU
2 WANTED 52 ALSO RIGHT?

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4 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** CALL UP 52.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY, ALL RIGHT, IT'S MOVED BY -- IS THERE
7 A MOTION? A MOTION ON 48?

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** MOVE IT.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
12 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** OKAY.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 52, YOU MOVED FOR RECONSIDERATION.

17

18 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** ONE REASON I'M CONCERNED WITH 52 IS MY
19 SAME OBJECTION, THAT WHEN YOU HAVE ANY KIND OF COMMISSION OR
20 ADVISORY BOARD AND SO ON, YOU HAVE --

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOMEN'S COMMISSION.

23



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1 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YEAH. YOU PLACE A SUNSHINE REVIEW, BUT YOU
2 NEVER DO IT IN SUNSET REVIEW, YOU NEVER DO IT, SO I THINK TWO
3 THING --

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S NOT TRUE OF ALL OF US. SOME OF US DO IT.

6
7 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** WELL, MANY ARE NOT DONE, THE ONLY ONE I'VE
8 SEEN THE LAST TWO OR THREE YEAR HAVE NOT BEEN REVIEW, AND THE
9 REVIEW HAVE BEEN POSTPONED FOREVER. SO EITHER TO, YOU KNOW,
10 EITHER YOU DON'T PUT ANY LIMITATION AND YOU DON'T REVIEW
11 PERIOD OR YOU DO REVIEW WHEN YOU HAVE A -- BUT TO HAVE, YOU
12 KNOW, FIVE AND 10-YEAR REVIEW, YOU PROBABLY DON'T NEED THOSE
13 COMMISSION. IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO REVIEW THEM, THEY PROBABLY
14 DON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD.

15
16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY
17 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. NOW, WE HAVE ONLY
18 ONE OTHER ITEM, WHICH IS 53. DO YOU WANT TO HEAR THAT NOW? I'M
19 SORRY? OKAY. YES. GO AHEAD. SUPERVISOR, YEAH, AND THEN WE'LL
20 DECIDE ON WHETHER YOU WANT 53.

21
22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T HAVE ANY ADJOURNING MOTIONS, MADAM
23 CHAIR, BUT I DO WANT TO MAKE A MOTION THAT THIS INFORMATION
24 CAME TO MY ATTENTION -- OR TO OUR ATTENTION AFTER THE POSTING
25 OF THE AGENDA, AND I'LL EXPLAIN WHY. IT RELATES TO THE



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1 JUVENILES IN THE JAILS, AND I RECEIVED A CALL YESTERDAY FROM
2 THE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS, I THINK THE MEMBERS KNOW I SERVE ON
3 THE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS AS A LARGE COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE, THE
4 STAFF CALLED ME LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON JUST TO -- I'LL JUST
5 BE GENERAL ABOUT IT -- TO ADVISE ME THAT THERE'S AN ISSUE OF
6 SOME CONCERN TO THEM IN THAT THEY BELIEVE THERE MAY BE SOME
7 THINGS WE COULD DO AND THEY WANT TO -- THEY OFFERED TO HELP
8 US. I WILL PUT IT THAT WAY. AND ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, THEY'RE
9 GOING TO HELP US. SO I THOUGHT WE OUGHT TO ENGAGE THEM, AND
10 THAT'S WHAT THIS MOTION IS ABOUT, AND TRY TO MOVE QUICKLY ON
11 THIS. AND I WON'T READ THE WHOLE THING. I THINK WE'VE
12 CIRCULATED IT. I JUST WANT TO MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE
13 C.A.O., IN COORDINATION WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE
14 PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO IMMEDIATELY CONSULT WITH THE STATE
15 BOARD OF CORRECTIONS AND PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS IN ONE WEEK, AND MAY BE TWO WEEKS MAY BE
17 NECESSARY. WOULD YOU PREFER TWO? I'LL MAKE IT TWO WEEKS. ON
18 ANY VIABLE ALTERNATIVES TO THE CURRENT JUVENILE FACILITIES AND
19 PROGRAM IN MEN'S COUNTY JAIL. THEY HAVE SOME IDEAS. THEY WANT
20 TO ENGAGE US. WE SHOULD ENGAGE THEM AND I WOULD ASK THAT WE
21 MAKE THE FINDING AND THEN APPROVE THE MOTION.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, I'LL SECOND IT.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST ASK, MR. JANSSEN, IT'S MY
2 UNDERSTANDING THAT THE INCARCERATION OF THESE INDIVIDUALS, I
3 GUESS MANY OF THEM IF NOT ALL ARE FOR MURDER AND MAJOR, RAPES.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOST FOR MURDER.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MOST ARE MURDERS, IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE -
8 - WITH STATE LAW. SO WHAT THIS MOTION IS DOING IS NOT
9 INTERFERING WITH THAT TYPE OF INCARCERATION, BUT SEEING IF THE
10 STATE IS GOING TO TAKE JURISDICTION OF THESE INDIVIDUALS?

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH WITHOUT RESPONDING TO YOUR STIPULATION,
13 THIS DOES NOT DO -- IF THAT WERE TRUE, THAT WE'RE IN
14 COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW, THIS WOULD NOT UNDERMINE US IN ANY
15 WAY. IF WE'RE NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW, THIS WOULD BE A
16 VEHICLE THROUGH WHICH TO ADDRESS IT. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER WE
17 ARE OR NOT. DIFFERENT PEOPLE HAVE DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW.
18 BUT ALL THIS DOES IS IT GETS OUR PEOPLE TALKING TO THE BOARD
19 OF CORRECTIONS STAFF IMMEDIATELY, AND WE HAVE NO OBLIGATION AS
20 A RESULT OF THIS MOTION. AND I JUST THINK -- THERE WAS A
21 MEETING LAST WEEK, AND I THINK SEVERAL OF YOUR STAFFS WERE
22 THERE, AND IT WAS OUT AT THAT MEETING THAT, AND THE BOARD OF
23 CORRECTIONS IS REPRESENTED THERE, THE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS,
24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TOM MCCONNELL, WHO IS A GOOD MAN, CALLED



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1 ME YESTERDAY AND ENCOURAGED US TO ENGAGE. SO I WILL LEAVE IT
2 AT THAT AND MAYBE WE CAN --

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JUST FOR A PURPOSE OF DIALOGUE?

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CORRECT.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED,
9 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I HAVE A
14 NUMBER OF ADJOURNMENTS. FIRST OF ALL THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
15 OF JESSE LEE LAMB, JR., HE IS THE FATHER OF MY SENIOR DEPUTY
16 GAIL TIERNEY. JESSE AND HIS WIFE, MARGARET, HAVE LIVED IN THE
17 BEAUMONT COMMUNITY FOR THE LAST 25 YEARS. HE WAS AN ACCOUNTANT
18 WITH GAYER CORPORATION AND WAS RAISED IN NORTH CAROLINA. HE IS
19 SURVIVED BY A DAUGHTER, SON, THREE GRANDSONS AND TWO
20 GRANDDAUGHTERS AND WILL BE MISSED BY ALL. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN
21 IN MEMORY OF RODNEY DAGETTE, A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF DOWNEY.
22 RODNEY DIED ON JUNE 16TH AT THE AGE OF 101. RODNEY IS THE
23 FATHER OF RICHARD DAGETTE, CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE POLIO
24 SURVIVOR GROUP AT RANCHO. HIS WIFE OF 75 YEARS, NORMA,
25 PRECEDED RODNEY IN DEATH BY ONLY THREE WEEKS. TOGETHER, THEY



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1 CONTRIBUTED SUPERIOR SUPPORT TO THE DISABLED ADULTS AND
2 CHILDREN AT RANCHO AND WE'RE HONORED BY THEIR DEDICATION BY
3 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DURING RANCHO'S CENTENNIAL
4 CELEBRATION. RODNEY WAS AN EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MAN AND WILL BE
5 SEVERELY MISSED BY HIS SONS RICHARD, ROBERT, ROBERT EXCUSE ME,
6 AND RODNEY JR, AND HIS DAUGHTER, ANN.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PUT ME ON THAT.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF TOM DALBY, TOM
11 WAS A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH, A GOOD FRIEND OF JULIE
12 AND I. HE WILL BE MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE'S SURVIVED
13 BY HIS WONDERFUL WIFE, DOROTHY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
14 OF ARMY SPECIALIST, PAUL NOKAMURA, WHO WAS RECENTLY DEPLOYED
15 IN THE MIDDLE EAST, IN FEBRUARY, ASSIGNED TO THE 437TH MEDICAL
16 COMPANY. HE WAS KILLED THURSDAY WHEN THE AMBULANCE HE WAS
17 RIDING IN WAS STRUCK BY A ROCKET PROPELLED GRENADE. PAUL IS
18 REMEMBERED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS AS A PROUD AMERICAN WHO
19 JOINED THE RESERVES TO GIVE SOMETHING BACK TO HIS COUNTRY
20 BECAUSE IT HAD GIVEN HIM SO MUCH IN RETURN. HE'S SURVIVED BY
21 HIS MOTHER, YOKO, HIS FATHER, PAUL, AND HIS SISTER, PEARL.
22 ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF KEVIN NILES, THE SON OF
23 NANCY AND CLAYTON NILES, DIED LAST WEEK AT THE AGE OF 25.
24 KEVIN'S MOTHER, NANCY, IS THE PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR FOR
25 THE L.A.X. SOUND PROOFING PROGRAM AND HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE



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1 COMMUNITY FOR MORE THAN A DECADE. KEVIN WILL BE REMEMBERED AS
2 A LOVING AND DEVOTED SON, A LIFE CUT MUCH TOO SHORT BY HIS
3 TRAGIC PASSING. AND ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HIHIJA
4 YASHUSHI, A JAPANESE AMERICAN SINGER AND RADIO PERSONALITY OF
5 WORLD WAR II. HE PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 7TH AFTER A BRIEF
6 ILLNESS. AFTER -- A WIDOWER, EXCUSE ME, HIHIJA WAS SURVIVED
7 HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY BY A VERY LARGE FAMILY THAT
8 INCLUDES HIS DAUGHTER, JUDGE KOMIKO WASSERMAN OF THE LOS
9 ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF I CAN -- I DO HAVE ONE ADJOURNING MOTION.
16 I FORGOT TO -- LEON URIS, THE AUTHOR OF MANY BOOKS AND NOVELS,
17 INCLUDING 'THE EXODUS,' PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING IN NEW YORK
18 AND I'LL GET YOU THE INFORMATION.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR KNABE, WE HAVE ONE
21 OTHER ITEM, WHICH IS THE REPORT ON CHILD SUPPORT. WHAT'S THE -
22 - IS THE --

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24 **SUP. KNABE:** I DIDN'T ASK FOR THE REPORT, THOUGH.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** LET'S SEE. WHO ASKED FOR THE REPORT?

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3 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I THINK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MOTION LAST
4 WEEK, WE DO HAVE CLOSED SESSION STILL AHEAD OF US SO.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE CLOSED SESSION AND WE HAVE SOME
7 PEOPLE WHO'VE BEEN WAITING FOR A LONG TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

8

9 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** OH THAT'S RIGHT, YOU HAVE TESTIMONY, TOO, SO
10 YOU MAY WANT TO DO THAT.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. DO YOU WANT TO PUT OVER THE
13 CHILD SUPPORT REPORT, OR DO YOU -- I'M WAITING TO HEAR WHAT
14 YOU WANT TO DO.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN DO WE NEED THE RESPONSE TO THE STATE MR.
17 JANSSEN?

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19 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE ARE YET TO RECEIVE A LETTER FROM THE STATE,
20 SO WE STILL HAVE TIME, SUPERVISOR.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL LET US --

23

24 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** PUT IT ON NEXT WEEK.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PUT THIS FOR NEXT WEEK THEN.

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3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, WE'LL PUT OVER 'TIL NEXT WEEK
4 THE REPORT ON CHILD SUPPORT. AND MEANWHILE, WE MAY HAVE THAT.
5 ALL RIGHT. IS THERE ANYTHING FURTHER? WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT.
6 I HAD A LIST OF PEOPLE HERE. OKAY. JAMES SOUTHWELL. IS HE
7 STILL HERE? LARRY KANNER.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** HE'S HERE.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH HE'S HERE.

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COMING UP. I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, AND I'M GOING TO CALL ETHEL
16 JOHNSON. IS SHE STILL HERE? ALL RIGHT. IF SHE'LL COME UP, TOO.
17 SHE WANTED TO SPEAK ON S-1, AND WE DIDN'T CALL HER. AND THEN I
18 HAVE A LIST OF DOCTORS HERE, WHO WANT TO SPEAK. YES. PLEASE
19 STATE YOUR NAME.

20

21 **JAMES SOUTHWELL:** JAMES SOUTHWELL, PRESIDENT OF THE PLACERITA
22 NATURE CENTER DOCENTS ASSOCIATION. THE NATURE CENTER DOCENTS
23 THANKS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR PASSING A STOPGAP MEASURE
24 TO KEEP OPEN THE PLACERITA NATURE CENTER THROUGH THE END OF
25 THE MONTH OF AUGUST. HOWEVER, WE ALL RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS



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1 JUST THAT, A STOPGAP MEASURE. SHOULD NO FINANCIAL CHAMPION BE
2 FOUND BY SEPTEMBER AND THE PARK IS CLOSED, I FEAR WE WILL ALL
3 BE RESPONSIBLE FOR TURNING A JEWEL OF THE COUNTY PARKS INTO A
4 BLIGHT OF TRASH DUMPING, OF GRAFFITI VANDALISM, AND OF GANG
5 ACTIVITY. NOT TO MENTION THE DISPERSAL OF A VERY ACTIVE
6 VOLUNTEER DOCENT PROGRAM WHICH CONTRIBUTES THOUSANDS OF HOURS
7 OF SERVICE TO THE PARK EACH YEAR. WITH THE COUNTY PARK STAFF
8 CURRENTLY REDUCED BY BUDGET RESTRICTIONS TO TWO FULL-TIME
9 EMPLOYEES, LET ME TAKE A MOMENT TO SHARE WITH YOU WHAT THE
10 NATURE CENTER DOCENTS HAVE BEEN DOING TO FILL IN FOR THE LOSS
11 OF PARK STAFF AND ALLOWING SCHOOL NATURE PROGRAMS TO CONTINUE.
12 AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE NATURE CENTER EDUCATES OVER 12,000 SCHOOL
13 AGE CHILDREN ANNUALLY. WHICH ARE PRIMARILY BUSSED IN FROM
14 SCHOOL DISTRICTS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTY. SINCE REDIRECTION
15 IN STAFF, THE DOCENTS HAVE INCREASED THE NATURE CENTER SUPPORT
16 FROM THREE DAYS A WEEK TO FIVE DAYS A WEEK. THE DOCENTS HAVE
17 TAKEN OVER THE COUNTY STAFF PAID-FOR-HIRE NATURE PROGRAMS,
18 WHICH WERE SCHEDULED PRIOR TO THE STAFF REDUCTION. THE DOCENTS
19 NOW MAN PHONES, CONDUCT WEEKEND HIKES, ANIMAL SHOWS, AND HELP
20 WITH PARK MAINTENANCE. I MENTIONED THIS TO DEMONSTRATE OUR
21 COMMITMENT TO CONTINUING TO SERVE PUBLIC INTEREST WITH
22 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AT THE PLACERITA NATURE CENTER. WE TRUST
23 THAT THE SUPERVISORS ARE EQUALLY COMMITTED TO FINDING A
24 SOLUTION TO KEEPING THE PARK AND NATURE CENTER OPEN. THANK
25 YOU.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

5

6 **LARRY KANNER:** MY NAME IS LARRY KANNER. I'VE ONLY BEEN A DOCENT
7 VOLUNTEER AT PLACERITA NATURE CENTER FOR ABOUT THREE YEARS
8 NOW. SOME OF THE PEOPLE LIKE JIM SOUTHWELL HERE HAVE BEEN AT
9 IT FOR MUCH LONGER THAN THAT. SOME OF THEM ARE EVEN MUCH OLDER
10 THAN HE IS. THEY'VE BEEN DOING A GREAT JOB THERE, AND AT THE
11 SIERRA CLUB, I'M POLITICAL CHAIR OF THE SANTA CLARITA CHAPTER
12 OF THE SIERRA CLUB ALSO, AND WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO HELP, YOU
13 KNOW, GET THE PUBLIC INSPIRED TO HELP US KEEP PLACERITA CANYON
14 OPEN. WE'VE MADE UP SOME FLIERS, OF WHICH WE'VE MAILED OUT
15 ABOUT 5,000. AND I ALSO HAVE THE SIERRA CLUB NEWSLETTER ABOUT
16 IT. I KNOW PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SENDING THESE IN. WE INCLUDED A
17 LITTLE TEAR-OFF POSTCARD ON IT, AND WE TOLD PEOPLE TO SEND
18 THEM IN TO YOU AND TO CALL THE CITY, TOO, AND SANTA CLARITA,
19 AND THEN WE PUT MY NAME AND PHONE NUMBER ON IT SO THEY COULD
20 REPORT TO US THAT THEY'D DONE IT, AND I TURNED IN ABOUT 200
21 POSTCARDS THAT HAVE BEEN RETURNED AND, I DON'T KNOW, I MUST
22 HAVE HAD 20 -- AT LEAST 30 PHONE CALLS FROM PEOPLE THAT ARE
23 PROUD THAT THEY COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE. SO WE HOPE YOU'LL
24 KEEP PLACERITA OPEN ON A PERMANENT BASIS, AS APPARENTLY
25 THEY'VE BEEN GOING ON A TEMPORARY BASIS, YOU KNOW, YEAR AFTER



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1 YEAR. THEY SURE NEED SOME REPAIRS TO THE BUILDINGS, BUT THE
2 MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO KEEP THE ADULT VOLUNTEERS THERE
3 ABLE TO TAKE THE KIDS OUT, KIDS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTY. SOME
4 OF THEM HAVE NEVER HAD AN ADVENTURE OUT IN THE WILDERNESS LIKE
5 THEY HAVE THERE, SO YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP IT GOING. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING, TOO.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND KAREN PEARSON I THINK WAS ON THIS SAME
12 ISSUE. IS SHE STILL HERE? ALL RIGHT. WOULD YOU GO ON AND STATE
13 YOUR NAME AND THEN WE'LL HAVE HER COME IN. IT'S ON THE -- ON
14 THAT ISSUE.

15

16 **ETHEL JOHNSON:** MY NAME IS ETHEL JOHNSON, AND I'M HERE TODAY,
17 MRS. BURKE, IS BECAUSE I'M OUT IN THE 15TH DISTRICT AND I'M IN
18 YOUR SECOND DISTRICT. AND WE NEED A LOT OF HELP AS FAR AS
19 HEALTHCARE. I'M A PATIENT OF MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL, I
20 HAVE BEEN, AND I DID MY INTERNSHIP THERE AND WE NEED A LOT OF
21 PROGRAMS. WE NEED CLINICAL HELP AND WE ALSO NEED STRESS, WE
22 NEED PEOPLE THAT KNOWS HOW TO SPECIALIZE IN DIABETES, WEIGHT
23 CONTROL. WE HAVE HAD THAT AT MARTIN LUTHER KING. WE HAVE DONE
24 PRETTY GOOD ON THAT. WE NEED ASSISTANCE. WE ALSO TRY TO OPEN
25 UP THE OTHER HEALTH PLACES LIKE HIGH DESERT AND RANCHO. BUT WE



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1 ALL TRY TO WORK TOGETHER, BUT REALLY, I'VE BEEN JUST
2 RESEARCHING, AND I COULDN'T TELL YOU ANYTHING MORE AND IT WILL
3 BE AT LEAST TWO WEEKS, AND I CAN COME BACK TO YOU AND LET YOU
4 KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. OKAY?

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M GOING
7 TO ASK DR. DURISEL -- IS HE HERE -- TO COME UP AS WELL AS J.B.
8 TAYLOR, AND THEN WOULD THE DOCTORS WHO WISH TO TESTIFY FOR
9 MARTIN LUTHER KING PLEASE COME FORWARD? YES.

10

11 **KAREN PEARSON:** YOU WANT ME TO START?

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

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15 **KAREN PEARSON:** I'M KAREN PEARSON. I'M THE FOUNDER OF THE SANTA
16 CLARITA VALLEY SIERRA CLUB. I WANT TO THANK YOU, MADAM
17 CHAIRPERSON AND ALL THE SUPERVISORS FOR LISTENING TO ME. MY
18 PRIME CONCERN NOW IS PLACERITA CANYON PARK. ONCE AGAIN, THE
19 ANGELES CHAPTER OF THE SIERRA CLUB REPRESENTING OVER 50,000
20 PEOPLE REALLY WANTS THIS PARK TO STAY OPEN, AND THEY REALLY
21 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IF SOMETHING DOES HAPPEN, THAT IT
22 CHANGES AGENCIES, THAT THE PROP A MONEY FOLLOWS THIS PARK,
23 BECAUSE IF IT DOESN'T, THE VOTERS WERE PROMISED THAT WHAT THEY
24 VOTED FOR, THEY WOULD GET, AND YOU WILL LOSE OUT ON FUTURE
25 PARK MEASURES IF YOU DON'T KEEP THAT PROMISE, AND SO THAT



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1 CREDIBILITY OF YOURS IS ON THE LINE HERE, AND THERE IS A
2 CONCERN ABOUT THAT. AND I DO LOVE THE PARK AND ONE OF THE
3 REASONS I'M MENTIONING THAT BOND MEASURE IS I CO-AUTHORED THE
4 1992 GRANT THAT BROUGHT PLACERITA CANYON PARK \$1 MILLION. IT
5 WAS MY IDEA TO DO THAT. DOROTHY RILEY, WHO WAS PART OF THAT,
6 DIED SINCE, AND SHE WOULD DEFINITELY BE MOST INTERESTED IN
7 SEEING TO IT THAT THAT MONEY FINALLY GETS SPENT ON PLACERITA.
8 NONE OF THE \$1.9 MILLION THAT PLACERITA HAS EARNED IN PROP A
9 GRANT MONEY HAS BEEN SPENT ON IT SO FAR. AND ALL OF YOU
10 ACTUALLY IN A WAY HAVE BENEFITED FROM THE INTEREST GAINED AND
11 THE -- NOT HAVING TO BORROW MONEY BECAUSE THAT MONEY HAS NOT
12 BEEN SPENT YET. SO I DON'T THINK YOU WOULD DO ANYTHING SO
13 UNETHICAL AS TO DIVERT THAT MONEY, BUT I JUST WANT TO
14 ENCOURAGE YOU TO KNOW THAT VOTERS WERE PROMISED IN '92 WHAT
15 THEY VOTED FOR THEY WOULD GET, PLACERITA WAS LINE ITEMED FOR A
16 MILLION DOLLARS THERE. AND YOU DON'T WANT TO BETRAY THE VOTERS
17 AND YOU DO WANT TO KEEP THAT PROMISE SO THAT FUTURE, FUTURE
18 BOND MEASURES CAN GO THROUGH, YOU KNOW, AND PEOPLE WON'T GO,
19 "OH, YEAH, RIGHT, SURE, PROMISES, PROMISES." SO THAT'S JUST
20 ONE OF THE THINGS I WANTED TO ENCOURAGE YOU ABOUT AND THE
21 REASON IT CAME UP AS A CONCERN IS 'CAUSE AN AWFUL LOT OF
22 PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW A FACILITY SO BEAUTIFUL AS THIS,
23 THAT ACTUALLY WORKS FOR EVERY ONE OF YOUR DISTRICTS. WE HAD
24 120 FROM SYLMAR THE OTHER DAY. THERE WAS ANOTHER 70 FROM YOUR
25 DISTRICT THAT ARE COMING UP TO THIS, IN BUSLOADS OF CHILDREN



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1 THAT COME UP AND USE THIS FACILITY. IT'S A GORGEOUS THING, AND
2 IT'S HARD TO UNDERSTAND HOW THERE'S NOT ENOUGH MONEY FOR IT,
3 YOU KNOW, I MEAN, FROM THIS SIDE OF THE FENCE, THAT SOMEHOW
4 IT'S WONDERFUL YOU FOUND 7.3 MILLION FOR LIBRARIES, FOUND, YOU
5 KNOW, BUT WHAT ABOUT 300,000 FOR PLACERITA, WHEN THERE'S ONLY
6 TWO FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES, EVEN THOUGH MORE GET CHARGED TO
7 PLACERITA.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10

11 **KAREN PEARSON:** OKAY THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING
12 YOU COULD DO TO SAVE THIS WONDERFUL THING.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. WE'RE WORKING TO DO THAT, THANK
15 YOU.

16

17 **KAREN PEARSON:** THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT AND IT'S TWO MINUTES IS THE
20 PUBLIC COMMENT TIME AND THEY'LL KEEP TRACK.

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22 **KAREN PEARSON:** OH, IT'S TWO. I THOUGHT IT WAS THREE. I'M
23 SORRY.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S OKAY. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT, DOCTOR
2 DARUSO? AND DOCTOR NORRIS, ARE YOU HERE?

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4 **WILLIAM DARUSO:** I'M WILLIAM DARUSO AND -- I WAS RAISED IN
5 WATTS, I STARTED OFF WITH THE GRADE STREET SCHOOL. I WENT TO
6 HIGH SCHOOL OVER IN LYNWOOD, WHICH WAS THEN ACROSS THE TRACKS
7 IN WHAT WAS THEN BASICALLY A WHITE AREA, AND AFTER SOME
8 EDUCATION, OBVIOUSLY, I GOT MY M.D. FROM HARVARD UNIVERSITY,
9 AND WENT TO DARTMOUTH COLLEGE AND CAME BACK, TOOK A -- WORKED
10 AT HARVARD GENERAL IN A RESIDENCY AT LOMA LINDA WHITE
11 MEMORIAL. WENT TO THE NAVY AND CAME BACK HOME TO WATTS TO WORK
12 IN PRIVATE PRACTICE. I WAS THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE P.S.A.
13 AT KING. WE WORKED FOR MR. HAHN IN TERMS OF GETTING THE
14 HOSPITAL OPEN, SIGNING THE DOCUMENTS THAT COMMISSIONED THE
15 PROFESSIONAL STAFF ASSOCIATION. AND THE THING THAT I WOULD
16 LIKE TO SAY, MOST, IS THAT IT'S PROBABLY POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO
17 SHIFT PATIENTS AROUND, AUGMENT COSTS AT OTHER HOSPITALS, AND
18 EVEN GET PERHAPS SOME OF THE JOBS THAT WILL BE LOST BY WHAT
19 YOU'RE DOING AT KING SHIFTED INTO OTHER AREAS AND OTHER
20 DEPARTMENTS. MY MAIN CONCERN IS FOR WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO
21 EDUCATION. ONCE YOU BEGIN TO TEAR DOWN THE EDUCATIONAL
22 POSSIBILITIES AT KING IN THE COMMUNITY, YOU WILL REALLY IMPAIR
23 THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORITY STUDENTS OF ALL KINDS,
24 PARTICULARLY BLACK AND HISPANIC, BECAUSE ONCE YOU START TO
25 DESTROY WHAT IT HAS TAKEN SO LONG TO BUILD, YOU WILL LOSE THE



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1 PEOPLE, BOTH THE EDUCATED -- BOTH THE TALENTED STUDENTS AND
2 THE MOST TALENTED TEACHERS TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS, WHICH ARE
3 ALWAYS TEMPTING TO RECRUIT THEM AWAY FROM AREAS WHICH ARE
4 MARGINAL, AS THE KING AREA IS. SO I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO
5 THINK ABOUT THAT BEFORE YOU ENACT THESE CUTS AS TO WHAT THEY
6 MAY DO TO OUR PLACE.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH -- AND COULD WE ASK DR.
9 BIGGERS TO COME FORWARD? YES. UH-HUH? STATE YOUR NAME PLEASE.

10

11 **JOHNNY TAYLOR:** OKAY, MY -- I'M JOHNNY TAYLOR. HOW YOU DOING,
12 MICHAEL? LET'S START FROM LEFT TO RIGHT. MOLINA, SHE'S NOT
13 HERE. I WANTED TO TELL HER TO CHECK INTO A GENERAL HOSPITAL IN
14 HER AREA. WE GO TO MICHAEL ANTONOVICH. I WANT YOU TO CHECK
15 INTO A GENERAL HOSPITAL IN YOUR AREA, AND I WANT YOU TO STOP
16 SENDING ME THE INVITATION TO YOUR BIRTHDAY PARTIES BECAUSE I'M
17 NOT GOING TO GIVE YOU NO \$500 TO ATTEND YOUR BIRTHDAY PARTY.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MY BIRTHDAY PARTY'S NEVER BEEN \$500 BUT IF
20 YOU WANT TO SEND \$500 THEN WE'LL HAVE A -- WE'LL HAVE A
21 SPECIAL BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR THAT. [OVERLAPPING VOICES]

22

23 **JOHNNY TAYLOR:** NO WAIT, HOLD ON, THAT'S THE ONLY ATTENTION I
24 GET, A\$500 DONATION. [OVERLAPPING VOICES]

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1 **JOHNNY TAYLOR:** LET ME FINISH. I GOT TWO -- YOU'LL GIVE ME
2 EXTRA --

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GO ON, OKAY GO ON, GO ON.

5

6 **JOHNNY TAYLOR:** OKAY, NOW WE GO ON TO MS. BURKE. MS. BURKE, YOU
7 ARE YVONNE BRATHWAITE-BURKE. RIGHT?

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S CORRECT.

10

11 **JOHNNY TAYLOR:** IS IT THE K, OR ARE YOU BURKE BEFORE YOU'RE
12 BRATHWAITE?

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO, I WAS WATSON.

15

16 **JOHNNY TAYLOR:** YOU WERE WATSON. OKAY YOU GOT THE K IN BURKE
17 RIGHT?

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I WAS -- WATSON IS MY MAIDEN NAME.

20

21 **JOHNNY TAYLOR:** YOUR MAIDEN NAME?

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

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1 **JOHNNY TAYLOR:** NOW WE TAKE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., WE TAKE IT
2 AND REVERSE IT, M.L.K.J. OR J.K.L.M. WE GO BACK AND WE ADD THE
3 A.B.C.D.E.F.G.H.I.J.K.L.M. WE HAVE HERE IN THE -- JESUS, KING,
4 MASTER, AND LORD. WE MISSED HIM. YOU THOUGHT HE WAS GOING TO
5 COME BACK AS A WHITE MAN, BUT HE FOOLED YA. HE CAME BACK AS A
6 BLACK MAN. OKAY? I RETIRED FROM L.A. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
7 HOSPITAL WHEN I WAS 45 YEARS OLD, AFTER 18 YEARS IN
8 ADMINISTRATION. BUT WHEN I RETIRED, I WAS 45 AND I HAD NO
9 INSURANCE. I GOT SICK. I WENT TO HUBERT HUMPHREY HOSPITAL.
10 THEY DIAGNOSED ME, SENT ME HOME, TWO WEEKS LATER I WENT BACK
11 TO HUBERT HUMPHREY, THEY DIAGNOSED ME, SENT ME HOME. I WENT
12 BACK HOME, I TOLD MY WIFE AND I LET'S GO TO LAS VEGAS. TWO OF
13 THE DOCTORS IN LAS VEGAS. GOT TO THE DOCTORS IN LAS VEGAS ON
14 M.L.K. BOULEVARD, YOU KNOW WHAT THEY TOLD ME I HAD PNEUMONIA.
15 THEY TOLD ME TO GO BACK HOME, GO TO MARTIN LUTHER KING
16 HOSPITAL. I GOT TO MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL, THEY DIAGNOSED
17 ME WITH PNEUMONIA AND H.I.V. NOW, WHEN I GOT THERE, WHEN IT'S
18 NOT THE HOSPITAL ITSELF, IT'S THE EMPLOYEES IN THE WARDS, THE
19 WARD EMPLOYEES, WHEN I WAS THERE, WE HAD THE MEXICANS FIGHTING
20 AGAINST THE BLACKS. AFTER WORKING THERE FOR 18 YEARS, I WANTED
21 TO SEE WHAT THE HOSPITAL WAS LIKE ON THE INSIDE. SO I WENT ON
22 AND I CHECKED IN, AND WHEN I GOT OUT OF THE HOSPITAL --
23
24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** COULD YOU SUMMARIZE? YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED,
25 TRY AND SUMMARIZE IT.



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JOHNNY TAYLOR: ALL RIGHT, MY -- FIRST THERE WHEN I TOLD MYSELF
I WOULDN'T GO BACK. I WENT TO HARBOR. BUT THE H.I.V. -- MARTIN
LUTHER KING DOES NOT NEED TO BE CUT IN FUNDING. MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR. HOSPITAL NEEDS TO BE INCREASED IN FUNDING. ANYTHING
THAT THEY WISH THEY HAVE, YOU, YOU, YAROSLAVSKY, YOU CAN'T
STOP IT. I DON'T CARE HOW YOU VOTE. YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO STOP
IT. NEVER. I'M A REPUBLICAN. I GOT OUT OF THE REPUBLICAN
PARTY. I DIDN'T GO TO THE DEMOCRAT. I WENT INDEPENDENT, SO I
GET TWO BALLOTS. THANK YOU.

11

SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DR. NORRIS,
AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO ASK MARCELLE WILLOCK TO -- DR. WILLOCK
TO COME FORWARD.

15

KEITH NORRIS: MADAM SUPERVISOR AND HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE
BOARD. MY NAME IS KEITH NORRIS, AND I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE
PHYSICIANS STAFF ASSOCIATION AT KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER. AND
FIRST, ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE COUNTY, WE WANT TO THANK YOU
FOR YOUR TIRELESS EFFORTS FOR THE FISCAL CHALLENGES THAT LIE
AHEAD, WE KNOW IT'S TOUGH WORK. THE P.S.A. IS, THE
PROFESSIONAL STAFF ASSOCIATION IS GRAVELY CONCERNED THAT THE
IMPENDING BUDGET CUTS IN THE D.H.S. BUDGET WILL DEPRIVE MANY
COUNTY RESIDENTS OF CRITICALLY NEEDED HEALTH SERVICES. THE
GOAL IS LAUDABLE. REDUCE THE BUDGET WITHOUT REDUCING PATIENT



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1 SERVICES. HOWEVER, WE ARE SHOCKED THAT A SYSTEM THAT HAS
2 IDENTIFIED A GEOGRAPHIC AREA AS SUFFERING FROM THE HIGHEST
3 RATES OF INADEQUATE INSURANCE, LOWEST NUMBER OF PHYSICIANS PER
4 COUNTY RESIDENT, THE FEWEST NUMBER OF HOSPITALS PER COUNTY
5 RESIDENT, THE HIGHEST RATES OF PREVENTABLE ILLNESS, AND THE
6 HIGHEST RATES OF MORBIDITY AND PREMATURE MORTALITY, AFTER
7 IDENTIFYING THAT, THE SYSTEM HAS DECIDED THAT THAT COMMUNITY
8 SHOULD HAVE THE GREATEST REDUCTION IN HEALTHCARE SERVICES. WE
9 HAVE HEARD ABOUT THE INCREASED COSTS AT M.L.K., THAT M.L.K.
10 SEES FEWER INPATIENTS PER DOLLAR, AND I DON'T -- AND THIS IS
11 EVEN ADJUSTED, AND I KNOW THAT TAKES A CASE MIX, BUT I DON'T
12 KNOW WHAT IT COSTS TO TAKE CARE OF A PATIENT WHO IS CRUSHED IN
13 A CAR ACCIDENT, HIT BY A TRAIN, OR WHAT IT COSTS TO CARE FOR A
14 SCHOOLTEACHER SHOT IN THE HEAD, AND I CAN'T GET THAT
15 INFORMATION FROM D.H.S., BUT M.L.K. SEES TWICE AS MANY
16 PATIENTS PER IN-PATIENT FOR TRAUMA CARE AS ANY OTHER HOSPITAL
17 IN THE COUNTY. AND GIVEN THAT, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IT MIGHT BE
18 AT LEAST AS COSTLY AS NOT MORE COSTLY TO MAINTAIN THAT
19 INSTITUTION. AND I'M CONCERNED THAT THE RESIDENTS OF THE
20 COMMUNITY ARE NOW SUFFERING BECAUSE PREVENTIVE CARE IS BEING
21 CUT NOW THAT THE COUNTY HAS SAID ALL THE MONEY'S BEEN SPENT
22 FOR TRAUMA CARE WITHIN THAT AREA. IS THERE ROOM FOR
23 IMPROVEMENT IN M.L.K. ABSOLUTELY. IS THERE ROOM FOR
24 IMPROVEMENT IN THE D.H.S. SYSTEM? ABSOLUTELY. WE'RE COMMITTED
25 TO THE 16% EFFICIENCIES THAT WE HAVE BEEN MANDATED TO ACHIEVE,



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1 BUT EFFICIENCIES AND BUDGET REDUCTIONS ARE TWO COMPLETELY
2 DIFFERENT THINGS. THE COUNTY CONSULTANTS, THE RENOIR REPORT,
3 INDICATED THAT M.L.K. COULD ACHIEVE THOSE EFFICIENCIES WITH
4 THE EXISTING BUDGET. THEY DID NOT SAY BUDGET CONSTRAINTS.
5 M.L.K. HAS SOME AREAS WHERE THEY'VE DONE WELL. THE 2001 OFFICE
6 OF STATE-WIDE HEALTH AND PLANNING DEVELOPMENT NOTED THAT
7 M.L.K. GENERATES MORE REVENUE PER PATIENT THAN ANY FULL
8 SERVICE D.H.S. HOSPITAL. PRETTY AMAZING FOR AN INEFFICIENT
9 HOSPITAL. AS A SAFETY NET HEALTHCARE SYSTEM OF THOUGHTFUL AND
10 COMPASSIONATE LEADERS, THE QUESTION IS, ARE WE COMMITTED TO
11 HELPING OUR L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS IN MOST NEED? LET US HOPE
12 SO. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. COULD WE ASK DR. FELIPE ARCTE TO
15 COME UP?

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17 **SPEAKER:** ARCE.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARCE, UH-HUH. YES, DR. BIGGERS?

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21 **DR. SAMUEL BIGGERS:** YES. I AM DR. SAMUEL BIGGERS, I'M CHIEF OF
22 NEUROSURGERY AT KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
23 NEUROSCIENCES, AND A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE
24 PROFESSIONAL STAFF ASSOCIATION. IN THE INTEREST OF YOUR TIME
25 AND MINE, YOU'RE WORKING LIKE NEUROSURGEONS TODAY, I WANT TO



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1 CUT REALLY TO THE BASIS FOR OUR CONCERNS THAT THE DECISION
2 THAT HAS TO BE MADE BY YOU HAS TO BE MADE ON BETTER DATA THAN
3 YOU HAVE BEEN PLIED WITH SO FAR. THE COST OF CARE PREMISE OF
4 THE CURTAILMENT AT KING DREW IS PROBABLY, IF IT IS VALID, IN
5 OUR JUDGMENT, IS SUBSTANTIVELY RELATED TO THE RATIO, THE
6 VOLUME, AND THE TYPE OF TRAUMA TREATED AT THE FACILITY IN
7 PROPORTION TO ITS OVERALL CENSUS OF PATIENTS. TRAUMA CARE IS
8 EXCEEDINGLY EXPENSIVE AND BECOMES MORE SO WHEN NOT OFFSET BY
9 LESS EXPENSIVE, NON-TRAUMA CASES TO DILUTE THIS IMPACT ON PER
10 CAPITA CARE. THIS HAS BEEN THE CASE IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR,
11 EFFICIENTLY-RUN COMMUNITY HOSPITALS IN YOUR TRAUMA SYSTEM, AND
12 HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO YOU BEFORE WHEN THOSE SAME HOSPITALS
13 HAVE HAD TO COME BEFORE YOU OR BE REPRESENTED BY SOMEONE
14 BEFORE YOU TO AUTHORIZE SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL RELIEF TO KEEP
15 THE HOSPITALS OR THE COUNTY TRAUMA SYSTEM ALIVE. THAT IS NO
16 LESS SO THAN AT KING DREW, WHICH HAS A DISPROPORTIONATE AMOUNT
17 OF TRAUMA COMPARED TO THE OTHER HOSPITALS, EXCEEDED ONLY BY
18 LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITAL, WHICH IS THREE TIMES THE SIZE OF
19 KING DREW. SO THE RATIOS WORKING HERE WOULD GIVE KING DREW THE
20 APPEARANCE OF A HIGHER COST PER CASE. THE TRAUMA PATIENTS,
21 LIKE THE POOR IN THE BIBLICAL REFERENCE, WILL ALWAYS BE WITH
22 US, BUT THE CURTAILMENT WILL REDUCE OUR CAPACITY TO CARE FOR
23 THE NON-TRAUMA GROUP AND THE INEVITABLE REDUCTION OF THAT
24 CENSUS WILL DRIVE OUR COST PER PATIENT EVEN HIGHER, AND WE
25 WILL BE STANDING BEFORE YOU AT SOME FUTURE DATE TO EXPLAIN



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1 WHY. DR. LAWSON HAS REFERRED EARLIER TO DR. KING'S REFERENCE
2 TO SOLUTIONS WHICH ARE NOT SOLUTIONS. THIS IS THE EXAMPLE PAR
3 EXCELLENCE OF A NON-SOLUTION. IT IS THE BEGINNING OF THE
4 SPIRAL DOWNWARD OF KING DREW, WHICH THIS BOARD WILL HAVE TO
5 ADDRESS IN COMING YEARS. WHEN YOU DEMAND FROM YOUR STAFFS AND
6 YOUR DEPARTMENTS THE REASONS YOU WERE PROVIDED WITH SOLUTIONS
7 DERIVED FROM A FLAWED PREMISE TO MAKE YOUR DELIBERATIONS AND
8 VOTES UPON. THE HUMAN SUFFERING AND THE PERSONAL DEVASTATION
9 FLOWING FROM YOUR DECISION WILL BE IRREVERSIBLE BY THAT TIME.
10 IT THEN WILL BECOME A MATTER FOR ALL OF OUR CONSCIENCES. THANK
11 YOU.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DR. ROSALYN SCOTT?
14 YES. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, DOCTOR WILLOCK, AND MAYBE YOU
15 MIGHT INDICATE YOUR POSITION, BECAUSE YOU'RE THE DEAN.

16

17 **DR. MARCELLE WILLOCK:** I'M DR. WILLOCK, I'M DEAN OF THE COLLEGE
18 OF MEDICINE AT CHARLES DREW UNIVERSITY WHICH IS THE ACADEMIC
19 PARTNER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL. I'LL RESTRICT BY
20 COMMENTS TO THE EDUCATIONAL IMPACT OF THE CUTS. THE GOVERNMENT
21 HAS A RESPONSIBILITY FOR PUBLIC SAFETY WHICH INCLUDES HEALTH
22 AND THE TRAINING OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS. CALIFORNIA, THE
23 STATE WITH THE LARGEST POPULATION, EXPORTS STUDENTS FOR
24 MEDICAL SCHOOL TRAINING AND IMPORTS DOCTORS FROM OTHER STATES,
25 FOR CALIFORNIA DOES NOT TRAIN ENOUGH TO MEET ITS OWN NEEDS.



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1 THIS CANNOT CONTINUE. KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER SUCCESSFULLY
2 TRAINS RESIDENTS AND MEDICAL STUDENTS TO CARE FOR THE
3 UNDERSERVED WITH THE GOAL OF HAVING AS TRAINEES UPON
4 GRADUATION CONTINUE TO CARE FOR THESE PATIENTS. WE ACHIEVE
5 THIS GOAL. I WAS PRIVILEGED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY
6 HERE IN THE FALL WHEN YOU FIRST BEGAN THESE HEARINGS, AND WE
7 HAD A MEDICAL STUDENT AS WELL AS A SCHOOL FROM OUR COLLEGE OF
8 ALLIED HEALTH TESTIFY AS TO HOW IMPORTANT KING DREW WAS IN THE
9 EDUCATION ASPECT. AS YOU KNOW, THE UNIVERSITY HAS EXTENDED ITS
10 RELATIONSHIP WITH THE KING DREW MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL AND ALSO
11 NOW WITH THE LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SO THAT WE CAN PROVIDE
12 A PIPELINE OF SCIENCE EDUCATION IN ORDER TO HAVE STUDENTS IN
13 THE MINORITY COMMUNITIES SEE EDUCATION AS VALUABLE IN ITSELF
14 AND MAKE A COMMITMENT TO SCIENCE. THE PLANNED CUTS IN
15 PHYSICIANS AND NURSES WILL NOT ONLY SERIOUSLY DECREASE THE
16 QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF MEDICAL SERVICES, IT WILL DEVASTATE
17 THE RESIDENCY, MEDICAL STUDENT AND ALLIED HEALTH EDUCATIONAL
18 PROGRAMS, AS 79 PHYSICIANS, MANY OF WHOM ARE VALUABLE FACULTY
19 MEMBERS, SOME SENIOR FACULTY MEMBERS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE
20 TRANSFERRED FROM KING IN THE CASCADE FOR THOSE WHO ARE ALSO
21 COUNTY EMPLOYEES. WE HAVE TWO VICE CHAIRMAN AND EVEN AN ACTING
22 CHAIRMAN OF A DEPARTMENT BEING LAID OFF. WE ARE PAYING THE
23 PRICES FOR LOSSES OF FACULTY IN THE 1995 CASCADE, AND THESE
24 NEW LOSSES WILL PROBABLY COST US MANY PROGRAMS. IN ESSENCE,
25 THIS WILL BE A REPUDIATION OF THE PROMISES MADE TO THE



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1 COMMUNITY WHEN M.L.K. WAS FOUNDED THAT IT WOULD BE A TEACHING
2 HOSPITAL. AND WE HAVE A RESIDENT HERE WHO WILL SPEAK ON BEHALF
3 OF THE RESIDENTS, DR. ARCE.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DOCTOR ARCE?

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7 **DR. FELIPE ARCE:** OKAY. I WAS JUST ABOUT TO ASK WHETHER I GET
8 TWO MINUTES OR NOT.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, ABSOLUTELY.

11

12 **DR. FELIPE ARCE:** OKAY MY NAME IS FELIPE ARCE. I AM A JUNIOR --
13 A SENIOR RESIDENT. I WILL GRADUATE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
14 PEDIATRICS IN ABOUT SIX DAYS. I AM HERE REPRESENTING THE
15 INTERNS AND RESIDENTS OF MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL, I'M ALSO
16 REPRESENTING MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COUNCIL OF INTERNS AND
17 RESIDENTS, PARENTHESES, 'J.C.I.R.' NOW MY POINT IS THAT -- IS
18 ALSO WITH REGARDS TO EDUCATION. IT WAS NOT HARD FOR ME TO FIND
19 THE INFORMATION ON THE WEB WITH REGARDS TO KEY INDICATORS OF
20 PUBLIC HEALTH, THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAS
21 PUBLISHED. OKAY? AND THESE FIGURES ARE REALLY EASY TO FIND.
22 AND IN JUST TO POINT OUT A COUPLE OF BULLET POINTS THAT THEY
23 HAVE ADDRESSED IN THE PAST -- WELL, THEY HAVEN'T ADDRESSED IN
24 THE PAST, BUT THEY DIDN'T REALLY HIGHLIGHT IN THESE DOCUMENTS,
25 IS THAT THE AREA SPA 6 HAS THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN



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1 AGES ZERO TO FIVE WHOM PARENTS REPORT DIFFICULTY FINDING
2 ADEQUATE CARE. OKAY? THAT WAS 54%. THEY HAVE THE LOWEST HIGH
3 SCHOOL GRADUATING RATE. IT'S 41% HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GRADUATE
4 IN THAT AREA. THEY HAVE THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN
5 AGES ZERO TO 17 WHO ARE UNINSURED. THEY HAVE THE HIGHEST RATE
6 OF INFANT MORTALITY OF 7 INFANTS FOR EVERY THOUSAND LIVE
7 BIRTHS DIE IN THAT AREA. THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF LOW BIRTH
8 WEIGHT CHILDREN, 8% APPROXIMATELY, IN THAT AREA. THE HIGHEST
9 RATE OF TEENAGE PREGNANCIES, 15 TO 19 YEARS OF AGE. 82.6% OUT
10 OF EVERY THOUSAND LIVE BIRTHS COME FROM TEENAGE PREGNANCIES.
11 NOW, THERE'S ALL THESE OTHER BULLET POINTS, BUT MY POINT
12 EXACTLY IS THAT AFTER FINDING OUT THESE STAGGERING STATISTICS,
13 AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS, WHO -- WE
14 DID A SMALL SURVEY THROUGHOUT THE MONTH. OKAY? WE FOUND OUT
15 THAT 56% OF THE PATIENT POPULATION THAT WAS SURVEYED DOES NOT
16 -- VISITS MARTIN LUTHER KING AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH. 81% OF THE
17 POPULATION IN THAT AREA HAS BEEN SERVICED BY MARTIN LUTHER
18 KING PEDIATRIC PROGRAM AT LEAST ONCE IN A YEAR. OKAY? TWO OUT
19 OF EVERY THREE PEOPLE DON'T KNOW WHERE TO GO OTHER THAN THEIR
20 HEALTHCARE AT MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL. THIS IS FROM A
21 SIMPLE SURVEY. IN ONE MONTH PERIOD. OKAY? OF THOSE THAT DON'T
22 KNOW WHERE TO GO, 44% HAD NO MEDICAL INSURANCE, 59% HAD
23 MEDICAL INSURANCE. FROM THOSE THAT HAD MEDICAL INSURANCE, HALF
24 OF THEM DID NOT KNOW WHERE TO GO. THIS IS PEOPLE THAT HAVE
25 INSURANCE, HAVE A CARD THAT TELLS THEM WHERE TO GO, THEY



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1 DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO GO. MY POINT ENTIRELY IS THAT IF YOU
2 START CUTTING MONEY AND REMOVING SERVICES FROM MARTIN LUTHER
3 KING HOSPITAL, NOT ONLY WILL YOU JEOPARDIZE THE CARE OF THE
4 PATIENTS SERVED IN THAT COMMUNITY, WHICH ARE ALREADY
5 UNDERSERVED AND UNDEREDUCATED, BUT YOU WILL ALSO BE CUTTING
6 INTO THE RESIDENCY PROGRAM, OUR EDUCATION, THE FUTURE
7 PHYSICIANS THAT WILL TRAIN IN THAT AREA AND THAT WILL PROVIDE
8 SERVICES TO THE PEOPLE THAT NEED IT THE MOST. YOU WILL STOP
9 PROVIDING PHYSICIANS IN THIS AREA, IN THIS COMMUNITY THE
10 FUTURE AND IT IS WORSE IN DISPARITY -- THE DISPARITY OF
11 MEDICAL CARE IN THIS COMMUNITY IF YOU INCREASE THE BUDGET CUTS
12 THERE. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. DR. BRUCE ETTINGER?
15 AND IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO HAD SIGNED UP THAT WE HAVEN'T
16 CALLED? YES. PLEASE COME FORWARD. YES DR. SCOTT?

17

18 **DR. ROSALYN SCOTT:** MADAM CHAIR, FELLOW SUPERVISORS, GOOD
19 AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ROSALYN SCOTT. I AM THE INCOMING
20 PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF ASSOCIATION AND AN
21 ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR IN THE DIVISION OF CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY
22 AT THE KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER. AS HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AT
23 KING, WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO BE HEALTH ADVOCATES FOR THE
24 COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE, AND WE AT KING ARE UNIQUELY AND
25 WELL QUALIFIED TO HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT ON THE HEALTH OF THAT



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1 COMMUNITY. THE PROPOSED CUTS AT KING WILL SERVE ONLY TO
2 FURTHER DETERIORATE THE ALREADY-CRITICAL AND DECLINING HEALTH
3 STATUS OF THE CITIZENS OF SPA 6 IN THE SOUTHWEST AREA. ONE OF
4 THE KEY INDICATORS OF HEALTH STATUS USED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
5 HEALTH SERVICES IS THE DEATH RATE FROM CORONARY HEART DISEASE.
6 THAT DEATH RATE IS 30% HIGHER IN SPA 6 THAN ANYWHERE ELSE IN
7 THE COUNTY. DUE TO INADEQUATE NUMBERS OF NURSING SUPPORT,
8 EQUIPMENT, AND OTHER SERVICES, THE WAITING TIME FOR ROUTINE
9 REFERRALS IN THE CARDIOLOGY CLINIC IS IN EXCESS OF 80 DAYS.
10 THE WAITING TIME FOR URGENT REFERRALS IS ONLY SLIGHTLY LESS,
11 AT ABOUT 70 DAYS. OVER 50% OF THESE REFERRALS ARE FOR CHEST
12 PAINS AND HEART FAILURE. ANOTHER 30% ARE FOR HEART MURMURS.
13 LET ME GIVE YOU THREE BRIEF EXAMPLES OF HOW THESE LONG WAITING
14 TIMES ARE IMPACTING THE COMMUNITY. OVER A RECENT SIX-MONTH
15 PERIOD, ONE PATIENT SUDDENLY DIED IN HIS CAR AS HE WAS
16 ARRIVING AT THE HOSPITAL FOR A SCHEDULED STRESS TEST. THE
17 PARAMEDICS AND EMERGENCY ROOM STAFF WENT TO THE CAR, BUT WERE
18 UNABLE TO REVIVE HIM. A SECOND PATIENT WITH CHEST PAINS AND
19 HEART FAILURE DIED AT HOME BEFORE HIS SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT.
20 THE NURSES CALLED TO FIND OUT WHY HE DID NOT MAKE HIS
21 APPOINTMENT, AND HIS WIFE SAID HE DID NOT MAKE HIS APPOINTMENT
22 BECAUSE HE DIED. A THIRD PATIENT WAS MORE FORTUNATE. SHE HAD
23 BEEN SCHEDULED FOR A VARIETY OF VERY IMPORTANT TESTS OF HER
24 HEART, BUT HAD A HEART ATTACK BEFORE THE TESTS WERE COMPLETED
25 AND SHE COULD BE DIAGNOSED. FORTUNATELY, SHE SURVIVED AND WENT



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1 ON TO HAVE SUCCESSFUL BYPASS SURGERY. WE SUPPORT THE COUNTY'S
2 STRATEGIC GOAL TO IMPLEMENT A CLIENT-CENTERED, INFORMATION-
3 BASED HEALTH SERVICES DELIVERY SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES COST
4 EFFECTIVE AND QUALITY SERVICES ACROSS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. WE,
5 HOWEVER, WOULD ARGUE THAT THE PLANNED CURTAILMENTS AT THE KING
6 DREW MEDICAL CENTER WILL MAKE QUALITY SERVICES AND TIMELY
7 ACCESS A NEAR IMPOSSIBILITY AND RESULT IN FURTHER DECLINES IN
8 THE COMMUNITY'S HEALTH, AND ULTIMATELY INCREASE COSTS TO THE
9 COUNTY AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **DR. BRUCE ETTINGER:** MY NAME IS BRUCE ETTINGER, GOOD AFTERNOON,
14 I'M A OBSTETRICIAN/ GYNECOLOGIST, I HOLD A MASTER'S DEGREE IN
15 PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES, MY SPECIALTY IS IN WOMEN'S
16 HEALTH AND DEVELOPING HEALTHCARE DELIVERY SYSTEMS. THIS
17 MORNING, DR. FUKUSHIMA, WHO IS MY CHAIRMAN, PRESENTED SOME
18 EXTREMELY SIGNIFICANT DATA. I WANTED TO PLACE A SLIGHTLY
19 DIFFERENT AND BROADER PERSPECTIVE ON THAT FROM THE POPULATION
20 POINT OF VIEW. FIRST, THE -- THE FIRST POINT I WOULD LIKE TO
21 MAKE IS THAT EVERY PHYSICIAN, AS FAR AS I'M AWARE OF AT KING
22 DREW, IS THERE BY DESIRE. WE'RE NOT THERE BECAUSE WE'RE TOLD
23 TO BE THERE; WE'RE THERE BECAUSE WE FEEL A COMMITMENT TO THE
24 COMMUNITY. THE SECOND POINT IS THAT THE LOSS OF THE -- THE
25 COMBINED LOSS OF OB/GYN AND PEDIATRIC SERVICES, AS WAS



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1 DESCRIBED EARLIER BY DOCTORS BRUNI AND DR. FUKUSHIMA,
2 SPECIFICALLY AFFECTS WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN, WOMEN OF ALL
3 AGES. AND UNFORTUNATELY, ALTHOUGH I DON'T MEAN THIS TO BE
4 INFLAMMATORY, UNFORTUNATELY, THIS BECOMES A DISCRIMINATORY ACT
5 IN TERMS OF LOSING HEALTH SERVICES TO A SPECIFIC SEGMENT OF
6 THE POPULATION WITHIN SPA 6, AND IT'S NOT RECOVERABLE ON THE
7 BASIS OF JUST SIMPLY HAVING OTHER PHYSICIANS TRYING TO RECOVER
8 THOSE SERVICES. IT'S ALSO UNFORTUNATE IN THE SENSE THAT THE
9 NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF WOMEN'S HEALTH AND THE OFFICE OF
10 WOMEN'S HEALTH, AS WELL AS OUR OWN COUNTY, HAVE MANDATED
11 WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE IN TERMS OF EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND
12 SERVICES. AND IT'S GOING TO BE VERY, VERY DIFFICULT TO PROVIDE
13 THAT SORT OF SERVICE IF WE HAVE LOST SPECIFIC SKILLS AND
14 SPECIFIC PHYSICIANS WHO CAN DO THOSE SORTS OF THINGS. THE
15 SPECIFIC CUTS THAT WE HAVE REPRESENTS SPECIFIC CUTS IN
16 EXPERTISE. FOR EXAMPLE, AS DR. FUKUSHIMA SAID THIS MORNING,
17 URO-GYNECOLOGY FOR SENIOR WOMEN, HORMONE REPLACEMENT THERAPY,
18 TEENAGE PREGNANCY, AND THE ABILITY TO CARE FOR WOMEN WHO ARE
19 ADDICTED, WOMEN WHO HAVE UNDESIREP PREGNANCIES AND SO ON.
20 THESE ARE NOT RECOVERABLE IF THE PHYSICIANS WHO HAVE BEEN LAID
21 OFF ARE NOT REPLACED OR THEIR PARTICULAR SERVICES ARE NOT
22 REPLACED. DR. FUKUSHIMA THIS MORNING MENTIONED THAT HE HAS
23 EIGHT PEOPLE NOW TO RUN THE SERVICE. LET ME GIVE YOU A
24 SPECIFIC RUNDOWN BECAUSE HE DID NOT HAVE TIME TO DO THAT. IF
25 ONE PERSON COVERS LABOR AND DELIVERY, ANOTHER PERSON THAT'S



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1 CONCURRENTLY IS IN THE OPERATING ROOM, A THIRD IS IN THE
2 CLINICS, IF BY CHANCE ONE IS ON VACATION, ONE IS OFF-SITE
3 REQUIRED TO GIVE A LECTURE SOMEPLACE AND A THIRD -- ANOTHER
4 CALLS IN SICK, THAT MEANS WE HAVE SEVEN PEOPLE ALREADY
5 OCCUPIED AND WE NOW HAVE SEVERAL EMERGENCIES COMING IN
6 CONCURRENTLY, AS WE HAVE IN OB/GYN ALL THE TIME, THERE'S ONE
7 PERSON TO COVER ALL OF THOSE. IT'S A VERY SERIOUS AND RISKY
8 ISSUE. BUT THE LAST POINT I'D LIKE TO MAKE, AND THANK YOU FOR
9 YOUR INDULGENCE, IS THAT THE SYSTEM, BY ANY MEANS OR BY ANY
10 MEASURE IS ALREADY DYSFUNCTIONAL. IF WE REMOVE PEOPLE, WE'RE
11 JUST GOING TO MAGNIFY THE DYSFUNCTION; WE'RE NOT GOING TO
12 IMPROVE IT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **CARMEN TAYLOR:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR AND HONORABLE
17 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS CARMEN TAYLOR, I'M THE
18 DISTRICT DIRECTOR FOR CONGRESSWOMAN JUANITA MILLENDER-MCDONALD
19 AS SHE HAS RETURNED TO WASHINGTON, SHE HAS PENNED THIS
20 FOLLOWING LETTER THAT SHE HAS ASKED ME TO READ.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR. THANK YOU.**

23

24 **>>CARMEN TAYLOR:** 'DEAR MS. BURKE AND MEMBERS, I WRITE TO
25 EXPRESS MY DEEP CONCERN OVER NEWS THAT AS A RESULT OF THE



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1 BUDGET'S SHORTFALL WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES 79
2 DOCTORS AND A MULTITUDE OF SUPPORT STAFF AT KING DREW MEDICAL
3 CENTER WILL LOSE THEIR JOBS. I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE
4 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REVISIT THIS DECISION AND EXAMINE
5 ALTERNATIVE MEANS TO ADDRESS THE HEALTH SYSTEM DEFICIT. KING
6 DREW MEDICAL CENTER IN THE WATTS AREA OF MY DISTRICT SERVES A
7 POPULATION OVER 1.5 MILLION AND IS HOME TO SOME OF THE MOST
8 IMPOVERISHED COMMUNITIES IN THE STATE. THESE SERVICES STAND TO
9 BE DISRUPTED AND THE IMPACT OF THESE CUTS WILL BE DEVASTATING
10 TO MY CONSTITUENTS. AS YOU ARE WELL AWARE, KING DREW MEDICAL
11 CENTER ROSE FROM THE ASHES OF THE 1965 WATTS RIOT, WHEN THE
12 MCCOMB COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS INDICATED THAT THE LEADING
13 CONTRIBUTING FACTOR FOR THE UPRISING WAS A LACK OF HEALTHCARE
14 IN THE COMMUNITY, AND YET 2003 FINDS THIS COMMUNITY, SOME 38
15 YEARS LATER, STILL COMPROMISED WHEN IT COMES TO ACCESSIBLE
16 HEALTHCARE. THE KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER HAS BEEN PROVIDING
17 TOP-NOTCH CARE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL LOS
18 ANGELES AREA AND SURROUNDING AREAS FOR DECADES, AND IS A KEY
19 TRAUMA RESOURCE CENTER FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IN ADDITION,
20 THE HOSPITAL SERVES AS A PROVEN TRAINING GROUND FOR MINORITY
21 DOCTORS AND NURSES, WHICH RECENT DATA SHOWS THE LACK OF
22 TRAINED PROFESSIONALS IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. IN MY ONGOING
23 EFFORTS TO PROVIDE WATTS WILIBUT COMMUNITY WITH FUNDING AS
24 WELL AS TIMELY AND CRITICAL INFORMATION NECESSARY TO ADDRESS
25 THE HEALTH DISPARITIES THAT EXIST, I HAVE RECENTLY BROUGHT IN



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1 DR. VIVIAN PENN, DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AT THE NATIONAL
2 INSTITUTES OF HEALTH INTO MY DISTRICT, WHO SPOKE TO RECENT
3 FINDINGS REGARDING HEALTH DISPARITIES IN THE 21ST CENTURY. I
4 HAVE SUPPORTED CHARLES DREW UNIVERSITY AND CONTINUED
5 APPLICATION FOR RESEARCH GRANTS AND FUNDING AND THE UNIVERSITY
6 OPERATES WITH AN ANNUAL BUDGET SUSTAINED BY NEARLY \$40 MILLION
7 IN FEDERAL RESEARCH GRANTS AND FINANCIAL AID. RECENTLY,
8 CHARLES DREW UNIVERSITY HAS ADVANCED IN RANKING AMONG MINORITY
9 INSTITUTIONS LEADING HOWARD UNIVERSITY AND FEDERAL FUNDING
10 GRANTS FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH. I CONSISTENTLY
11 ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF THE KING DREW MEDICAL CAMPUS FOR
12 ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDING. OVER 50,000 DOLLARS ANNUALLY TO
13 THE OASIS CLINIC AND APPROXIMATELY \$450,000 FOR THE
14 TELEMEDICINE PROGRAM. I WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING THIS
15 INNOVATIVE PROGRAM TO THE STREETS OF WATTS AND IT IS THE FIRST
16 OF ITS KIND IN URBAN AMERICA. I STAND COMMITTED TO PROVIDING
17 QUALITY HEALTHCARE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. I FEAR THAT IF THE CUTS
18 TO THE HEALTH SERVICES ARE ALLOWED TO STAND, NOT ONLY WILL
19 THOSE IN NEED OF CARE SUFFER, BUT ALSO THE NEXT GENERATION OF
20 DOCTORS SERVING AS RESIDENTS AT KING DREW WILL LOSE AN
21 OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN IMPORTANT CARE-GIVING PRINCIPLES AND
22 PROCEDURES FROM EXPERIENCED STAFF. WITH THE RECENT REPORTS
23 INDICATING THAT HEALTHCARE DEFICITS ARE EXPECTED TO REACH 235
24 MILLION BY 2005, I REALIZE THE ENORMITY OF THE DECISIONS THAT
25 MUST BE MADE BY THIS AUGUST BODY. HOWEVER, IT APPEARS THAT A



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1 DISPROPORTIONATE NUMBER OF STAFF CUTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AT
2 KING DREW IN COMPARISON WITH OTHER COUNTY SUPPORTED
3 FACILITIES. I URGE THIS BOARD TO MAKE PRUDENT DECISIONS THAT
4 DO NOT COMPROMISE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THOSE POPULATIONS
5 SO DESPERATELY IN NEED. A MEETING WITH YOU WILL HELP US IN
6 IDENTIFYING A SOLUTION TO REMEDY THIS ISSUE GIVEN THE
7 IMPORTANCE OF GOOD HEALTHCARE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. I LOOK
8 FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOU IT DISCUSS THIS CRITICAL ISSUE.
9 SINCERELY, JUANITA MILLENDER MCDONALD.'

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE EXPRESS TO CONGRESSWOMAN MCDONALD WE
12 APPRECIATE HER SUPPORT IN ASSISTING US AND SUPPORTING US IN
13 GETTING INCREASES CERTAINLY FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT
14 IS CARRYING US FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS. HOWEVER, AT THE END OF
15 THOSE TWO YEARS, WE FALL OFF THE PRECIPICE, SO WE'RE GOING TO
16 HAVE TO ASK FOR HER CONTINUED ASSISTANCE, BECAUSE AT THE END
17 OF THESE TWO YEARS, WE THEN ARE HIT BY THIS, UNLESS WE DO
18 SOMETHING OR SOMETHING HAPPENS, WE THEN ARE HIT AGAIN BY THAT
19 \$800 MILLION DEFICIT. SO WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH HER AND
20 ASK FOR HER HELP. THANK YOU.

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22 **CARMEN TAYLOR:** I WILL SUPERVISOR. MAY I LEAVE THIS LETTER WITH
23 YOU?

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25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SURELY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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2 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON AGAIN. THIS IS GENEVIEVE
3 CLAVREUL. I AM CONCERNED IN WHAT IS, YOU KNOW, GOING ON WITH
4 MARTIN LUTHER KING. FROM THE BEGINNING, WHEN DOCTOR GARTHWAITE
5 CAME HERE AND WE HAD OUR FIRST MEETING OF THE TASK ORDER TO
6 DEAL WITH THE ISSUE OF THE HEALTHCARE CUT IN LOS ANGELES, I
7 WENT TO HIM, AND I SAID IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU MEET WITH
8 THE BLACK TASK, YOU KNOW, HAS TASK FORCE. HE SAID THOSE PEOPLE
9 WERE INSIGNIFICANT. I THINK A LOT OF THE PROBLEM WE'RE HAVING
10 TODAY WHO ARE FACING US IS ALSO CAUSED BY LACK OF
11 COMMUNICATION AND LACK OF RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER POINT OF
12 VIEW. I THINK A LOT OF THE PROBLEM WE ARE HAVING TODAY COULD
13 HAVE BEEN CERTAINLY AVOIDED IF BETTER COMMUNICATION WILL HAVE
14 HAPPENED. FOR THE LAST FEW MONTHS, ALL THE MEETING HAVE BEEN
15 CANCELED, SO THAT WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO COMMUNICATION FROM THE
16 BOARD TO THE PUBLIC OR TO THE TASK HOLDER, WHO ARE VERY
17 INVOLVED IN MAKING SURE THIS COUNTY RECEIVES THE APPROPRIATE
18 CARE. I THINK OF ALL THE HOSPITAL, M.L.K. GOT MORE SEVERE CUT
19 FROM THE BEGINNING, WHEN THEY GOT BAD P.R. ON THE PRESS, NO
20 PUBLIC COALITION OFFICE WENT TO DEFEND THEM, YOU KNOW, TO THE
21 PUBLIC, BUT D.H.S. HAS A PRIOR P.R. FIRM WILL, YOU KNOW,
22 DEFEND THEM. MANY TIMES, THEY DID NOT GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO
23 HAVE THE RIGHT NUMBER OF PEOPLE TO DO THE RIGHT JOB. THEY HAVE
24 AN ACUTE NURSING SHORTAGE. NOTHING IS DONE TO ALLEVIATE IT OR
25 TO HELP THE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN CHARGE TO MANAGE IT, AND I THINK



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1 YOU HAVE KEPT SILENT, YOU KNOW, PEOPLE JUST DON'T CARE, AND
2 YOU KNOW, IT'S OBVIOUS, YOU KNOW, SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS NOT
3 HERE. DR. GARTHWAITE IS NOT HERE. OF ALL THE PEOPLE WHO SHOULD
4 HAVE SAT DURING -- AT OUR MEETING TODAY IS DR. GARTHWAITE.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DR. GARTHWAITE WAS HERE, AS FAR AS I KNOW -
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9 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** NO HE'S NOT, HE WAS JUST NOW COMING, BUT
10 HE'S NOT IN THE ROOM TO REALLY --

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL HE'S RIGHT THERE, HE HEARS EVERY WORD
13 YOU'RE SAYING.

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15 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** HE JUST WALKED IN NOW.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BECAUSE -- WELL JUST A SECOND, I WAS IN
18 THERE, HE'S BEEN SITTING RIGHT OUTSIDE THAT DOOR ALL -- THE
19 WHOLE -- ALL DAY, BECAUSE I'VE BEEN IN AND OUT OF IT. YEAH,
20 HE'S LISTENED TO EVERY WORD ANYONE HAS SAID.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE
23 PEOPLE LISTENING ON THE TELEVISION UNDERSTAND THAT WE --

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1 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** ALL OF A SUDDEN, PEOPLE COMING OUT OF THE
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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THERE ARE SPEAKERS --

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** LISTEN LET ME TELL YOU, EVERYBODY IS
7 LISTENING TO YOU.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THERE ARE SPEAKERS IN THE BACK ROOM, FOR THE
10 STAFF AND FOR THE, EXCUSE ME, FOR THE GENERAL MANAGERS, FOR
11 THE MEMBERS HAVE TO BE IN THE BACK --

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** EVEN IN THE BATHROOM.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND EVEN IN THE BATHROOM, EVERY WORD CAN BE
16 HEARD. AND I DON'T THINK IT'S FAIR, FRANKLY, FOR YOU OR
17 ANYBODY ELSE TO COME UP HERE AND SUGGEST OTHERWISE, BECAUSE
18 THE PEOPLE WHO ARE WATCHING MAY NOT FULLY APPRECIATE IT, BUT
19 THE FACT IS THAT WE TAKE GREAT PAINS TO ENSURE THAT EVERY WORD
20 THAT IS UTTERED HERE IS HEARD NO MATTER WHERE WE ARE, AND
21 WE'VE BEEN SITTING HERE SINCE, AS YOU HAVE, SINCE 9:30 THIS
22 MORNING, AND THAT'S FINE, BUT I DON'T THINK ANYBODY HAS MISSED
23 A SINGLE WORD THAT ANYBODY HAS SAID. AND DR. GARTHWAITE HAS
24 BEEN HERE ALL DAY TOO, AND I KNOW 'CAUSE I'VE TALKED TO HIM A
25 NUMBER OF TIMES THIS AFTERNOON.



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SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: HE'S BEEN SITTING RIGHT THERE, AND I KNOW I'VE TALKED TO HIM AT LEAST ONCE, AND THEN WE WENT BACK AND FORTH. BUT I'D LIKE TO SAY ONE THING. I HAVEN'T HEARD A PHYSICIAN WHO HAS COME UP HERE THAT ON MY RECOLLECTION WAS NOT IN THAT MEETING WHERE THE FIRST PRESENTATION WAS MADE TO THEM, AND THAT WAS SIX MONTHS AGO. THERE HAS BEEN EVERY ATTEMPT AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO MEET WITH ALL OF THE PEOPLE AT KING, ALL OF THE ADMINISTRATORS, WE'LL MEET THEM CONTINUALLY TO TRY TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF SERVICE AND MAINTAINING A QUALITY OF SERVICE. THERE'S SOME REAL CHALLENGES, AND WE WILL CERTAINLY CONTINUE TO DO THAT. THE PEOPLE -- I'LL SAY TO YOU THAT I WILL, I EXPRESSED TO THEM AN INDIVIDUAL PROBLEM A PHYSICIAN HAS. WE'RE TRYING TO ADDRESS THOSE INDIVIDUAL PROBLEMS. SERVICE ISSUES, WE WILL TRY TO ADDRESS THOSE. WE'LL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH YOU. I CAN'T PROMISE THAT WE'RE GOING TO SOLVE ALL OF THEM, BECAUSE IF YOU -- IT TAKES MONEY TO SOLVE THEM, AND IF YOU DON'T GET THE MONEY, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE SERVICE AS WE'D LIKE TO SEE IT, BUT WE'LL CONTINUE TO TRY. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: THANK YOU.

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SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: THERE'S NO FURTHER PUBLIC COMMENT.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
2 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS
4 CS-1 AND CS-2, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
5 EXISTING LITIGATION AND ITEM CS-3, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL
6 COUNSEL REGARDING INITIATION OF LITIGATION, ONE CASE.
7 FOLLOWING TODAY'S CLOSED SESSION, THE BOARD INTENDS TO ADJOURN
8 ITS MEETING TO WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25TH, 2003, AT 3:00 P.M. IN
9 ROOM 739 OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION TO
10 CONSIDER ITEM CS-4, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS IN
11 CLOSED SESSION. THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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1 [NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

2 TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2003]

3 There is no reportable action as a result of today's closed
4 session.

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